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## **JOB COMPLETION REPORT INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT**

STATE OF WYOMING

NAME: SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD, WILD TURKEY,  
FURBEARER AND FALCONRY HARVEST SURVEYS

PROJECT NUMBER W-27-R-45

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Period Covered: June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013

### **ABSTRACT:**

This report summarizes harvests from the 2012-2013 hunting seasons for small game, upland game birds, migratory game birds, wild turkeys, and furbearers and harvest taken by falconers. Harvest, hunting and trapping estimates were obtained by surveying licensed hunters and trappers via the internet, mailed questionnaires or mandatory reporting. Significant changes to the number of management areas and species surveyed are also detailed in the report.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. Estimate small game, upland game bird, migratory game bird, wild turkey, and furbearer harvest.
2. Estimate total days spent hunting each species; the average days expended per harvest (hunter effort); and hunter success.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Prior to 1982 harvest and effort were reported based on counties. Beginning in 1982, data from all species except waterfowl, wild turkey and furbearers were reported based on 46 small and upland game management areas. Furbearer harvest was reported statewide through the 1999-2000 season. During the 2000-2001 season furbearer harvest was reported based on the 46 small and upland game management areas. Due to a very low response rate, only bobcat harvest was reported from the furbearer trapper survey from the 2001-2002 season through the 2004-2005 season. Bobcat harvest was reported based on six management areas. Beginning with the 2005-2006 season furbearer harvest other than bobcat was again reported based on the 46 management areas. Waterfowl harvest has been reported based on drainages and wild turkey harvest is reported based on wild turkey hunt areas.

Management area boundaries have changed through the years and some areas have been combined. In all instances the level of detail in the harvest survey has been much finer than the department's ability to manage hunters and harvest. In order to simplify harvest reporting by the hunter and present data at a scale more appropriate for management purposes, the 2010-2011 harvest survey was simplified as follows:

1. The 46 management areas were consolidated to match the six bobcat area boundaries for all species except migratory game birds, wild turkeys and sage-grouse (see table below).
2. Since the 2004 biological year (6/1/04 – 5/31/05) sage-grouse annual reports have been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were delineated in Wyoming's July 2003 sage-grouse conservation plan. In order to align harvest data collection with the way the harvest is reported in annual reports, sage-grouse harvest areas were modified to match LWG boundaries. For purposes of the harvest survey the LWG areas are indicated with letters rather than numbers to avoid confusion with the six areas used to report most other harvest. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are also shown on the survey instrument.
3. Migratory game bird management areas remain unchanged.
4. Coots, rail and snipe were removed from the migratory game bird survey. The Department defers to data collected by the USF&WS Harvest Information Program (HIP) at the state and flyway level for these species.

5. For wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a “Predatory Animal” (coyote, raccoon, red fox, skunk and others), the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has no statutory authority to require a license or set seasons (harvest is legal year round), bag limits (unlimited take is allowed), or limit method of take. Previous surveys only reported take of predatory animals by persons holding a trapping license. Consequently, the reported harvest was only a subset of actual harvest as there was no means to estimate legal take by unlicensed hunters. These species were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.
6. Bobcats were also removed from the harvest survey. Bobcats are listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Treaty (CITES) due to their similarity of appearance to other endangered spotted cats. CITES requires that bobcats must be tagged to identify legal harvest for purposes of commerce. Under this provision all bobcat trappers have been required to present their pelts for mandatory tagging in Wyoming since July 1, 1990. Historically, the department has relied on both CITES tagging data and the harvest survey to fulfill our CITES reporting requirement. From 1977-1978 through 1991-1992, only harvest survey data were used. During those years, raw harvest survey data were not extrapolated to estimate harvest by nonrespondents because early in this timeframe, survey response rates were high. Beginning with the 1992-1993 season and through the 2002-2003 season the department reported data obtained from both the harvest survey and the CITES tagging records. Throughout this period the two survey methods produced differing estimates of bobcat harvest, trapping/hunting effort and trapper numbers. The CITES tagging data were obtained from all successful bobcat trappers whereas the furbearer harvest survey provided data from a sample of trappers who respond to the mail survey and included both successful and unsuccessful trappers/hunters. Because of declining response rates (only 26% of license holders surveyed responded to the 2010-2011 survey), the discrepancy in reported harvest between the two methods increased (i.e. the harvest reported through the harvest survey was an increasingly smaller proportion of the known harvest documented through mandatory CITES reporting. Since the 2003-2004 season, only the number of pelts tagged with CITES tags have been reported in the CITES report. Because the CITES report provides a more realistic harvest estimate, bobcats were dropped from the furbearer harvest survey.
7. Attempts to estimate trapper effort have been problematic because a trapping license allows the take of all wildlife defined by Wyoming Statute as a furbearing animal (badger, beaver, bobcat, marten, mink, muskrat and weasel). In addition, trap and snare sets are not species specific so it was impossible to allocate days of effort to individual species. Over the years various survey questions have been devised to improve estimates of species-specific effort, but the more complex surveys produced questionable results and likely contributed to the decline in response rates. In some years no questions regarding effort were asked. The 2010-2011 survey reinstated effort questions with the goal of estimating statewide trap, snare and hunter effort for those holding a furbearer license.

The harvest survey for the 2012-13 season was conducted as follows: Harvest questionnaires were mailed to a random sample of daily, annual, pioneer and lifetime small game and game bird license holders, and to all furbearer trapping license holders. All holders of fall and spring turkey licenses were surveyed. Samples were stratified according to license type and area as applicable. All holders of early crane hunting permits were surveyed. Some license holders were removed from the sample pools after NCOA and CASS mailing address cleansing programs were run to eliminate invalid addresses. A mandatory reporting requirement applies to holders of Light Goose Conservation Order permits and falconers. The extrapolation procedure used to estimate harvest statistics was similar for all species or species groups.

SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, FURBEARER MANAGEMENT AREAS	
NEW MANAGEMENT AREA (beginning 2010)	OLD MANAGEMENT AREAS (1982-2009)
1	1-2
2	11-13, 15-17, 19-21
3	32, 35-44, 46
4	3-7, 10, 25
5	22-24, 26-31, 34
6	8, 9, 14, 18, 33, 45

## 2012 FIVE-YEAR LICENSE SALES TREND FOR SMALL AND UPLAND GAME

SMALL AND UPLAND GAME LICENSE CATEGORIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
<b>ANNUAL GAME BIRD</b>							
RESIDENT	7,553	7,822	7,727	7,430	7,596	38,128	7,626
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	7,553	7,822	7,727	7,430	7,596	38,128	7,626

### ANNUAL SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	1,831	1,713	1,600	1,533	1,393	8,070	1,614
NONRESIDENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL	1,831	1,713	1,600	1,533	1,393	8,070	1,614

### ANNUAL GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	8,689	8,880	8,198	7,953	8,603	42,323	8,465
NONRESIDENT	1,889	1,779	1,777	1,738	1,893	9,076	1,815
TOTAL	10,578	10,659	9,975	9,691	10,496	51,399	10,280

### DAILY GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME

RESIDENT	957	994	938	927	884	4,700	940
NONRESIDENT	5,192	4,800	4,937	4,977	4,925	24,831	4,966
TOTAL	6,149	5,794	5,875	5,904	5,809	29,531	5,906

### RESIDENT ONLY

#### LIFETIME LICENSES - CUMULATIVE SOLD<sup>1</sup>

GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/CONS STAMP <sup>2</sup>	39	40	43	51	62		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME/FISHING <sup>3</sup>	1,307	1,372	1,455	1,534	1,616		
GAME BIRD/SMALL GAME <sup>2</sup>	115	127	140	157	189		

## 2012

### SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD AND WILD TURKEY FIVE-YEAR HARVEST TREND BY SPECIES/SPECIES GROUP

SPECIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5-YEAR TOTAL	ANNUAL AVERAGE
GEESE	33,460	25,981	41,024	21,732	15,187	137,384	27,477
CRANE	162	195	182	161	103	803	161
DUCK	53,158	51,418	44,451	47,387	23,239	219,653	43,931
COOT	182	107	N/A	N/A	N/A	289	58
SNIPE	403	320	N/A	N/A	N/A	723	145
RAIL	36	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	44	9
PHEASANT	42,359	41,361	40,480	29,463	11,973	165,636	33,127
CHUKAR	7,900	7,130	6,744	4,658	2,007	28,439	5,688
GRAY PARTRIDGE	1,381	2,858	5,245	6,019	2,586	18,089	3,618
BLUE GROUSE	8,611	7,844	7,818	7,669	3,805	35,747	7,149
RUFFED GROUSE	3,321	4,222	3,540	3,140	3,003	17,226	3,445
SAGE-GROUSE	10,303	11,162	11,057	10,120	6,361	49,003	9,801
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	1,900	1,715	2,428	3,315	1,066	10,424	2,085
MOURNING DOVE	29,994	22,278	28,906	23,607	11,059	115,844	23,169
WILD TURKEY	5,125	4,537	4,512	6,406 <sup>4</sup>	3035	17,209	3,442
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	31,343	26,983	16,600	11,802	6,496	93,224	18,645
SNOWSHOE HARE	390	287	123	205	60	1,065	213
SQUIRREL	1,584	1,420	1,585	1,186	734	6,509	1,302

<sup>1</sup>Lifetime license combination holders who have small and upland game privileged were included for the first time in 2005. The change in sampling strategy to include lifetime license holders may account for some significant changes in annual harvest estimates.

<sup>2</sup>First sold in 2004

<sup>3</sup>First sold in 1996

<sup>4</sup>Beginning with this 2011 report, wild turkey is now reported by biological year (June through May). This 2011 turkey harvest number includes spring 2011 harvest (2,831), fall 2011 (1,108), and spring 2012 (2,467).

**FURBEARER/TRAPPER**  
**License Data Summary**  
**2012-2013**

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	2,266	1,593	418	26.2%
Nonresident	35	32	21	65.6%
Total	2,338	1,625	439	27.0%

**SMALL GAME & GAME BIRD**  
**License Data Summary**  
**2012-2013**

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	20,343	11,160	3,440	30.8%
Nonresident	6,818	2,180	890	40.8%
Total	27,161	13,340	4,330	32.5%

**FALL WILD TURKEY**  
**License Data Summary**  
**2012**

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	2,008	1,598	673	42.1%
Nonresident	240	211	129	61.1%
Total	2,248	1,809	802	44.3%

**SPRING WILD TURKEY**  
**License Data Summary**  
**2013**

	Licenses Sold	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	4,381	3,030	1,361	44.9%
Nonresident	1,253	1,043	632	60.6%
Total	5,634	4,073	1,993	48.9%

# SURVEYS & MAPS





## 2012-2013 SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HARVEST SURVEY

Hunter Key:

We encourage you to complete the survey via the Internet: go to [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov), click on "Hunting" then "Harvest Surveys" and use the electronic survey form by selecting "Small Game, Upland Game Bird, and Migratory Game Bird" and entering the Hunter Key as it appears on this page above your above name.

Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in our 2011-2012 Small Game, Upland Game Bird and Migratory Game Bird Harvest Survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and to recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your hunting results for the period September 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013, and return the survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope or **complete it on the Internet as shown above by May 1, 2013.**

**Q1** Did you hunt Small Game, Upland Game Birds, or Migratory Game Birds during the 2012-2013 season that spanned September 1, 2012, to March 1, 2013?

YES       NO (If NO, your survey is complete.)

**Q2** When hunting, did you have any contact with Wyoming Game and Fish personnel?

YES       NO

### PRIVATE LANDS PUBLIC WILDLIFE ACCESS PROGRAM

**Q3** During the 2012-2013 hunting season, did you use any of the Private Lands Public Wildlife (PLPW) walk-in areas?

YES       NO (If NO, skip to Q7)

**Q4** If YES, how many days did you spend hunting PLPW walk-in areas?  # of days

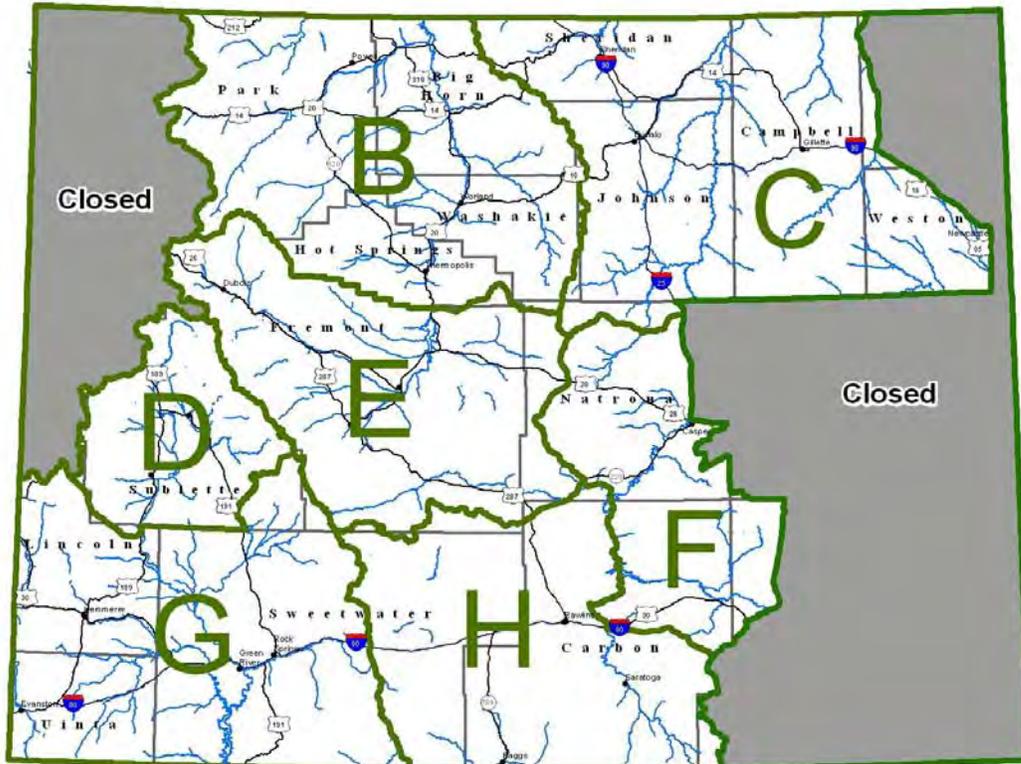
**Q5** How many PLPW walk-in areas did you hunt?  # of areas

**Q6** Please rate your satisfaction with your PLPW walk-in area experience using the scale below:

1=Very Dissatisfied 2=Dissatisfied 3=Neutral 4=Satisfied 5=Very Satisfied

# SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

## LWG Sage-grouse Management Areas



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NOTE: Since the 2004 biological year (6/1/04 – 5/31/05) a sage-grouse annual report has been written for each Local Working Group (LWG) area. The boundaries of the LWGs were established in Wyoming’s July 2003 sage-grouse conservation plan. In order to align harvest data collection with the way the harvest is reported in annual reports, sage-grouse harvest areas were modified to match LWG boundaries. For purposes of the harvest survey these areas are indicated with letters rather than numbers to avoid confusion with the six areas used to report harvest of most other species. Areas closed to sage-grouse hunting by regulation are also indicated on the map above.

**Q7** Did you hunt SAGE-GROUSE during the 2012-2013 season?

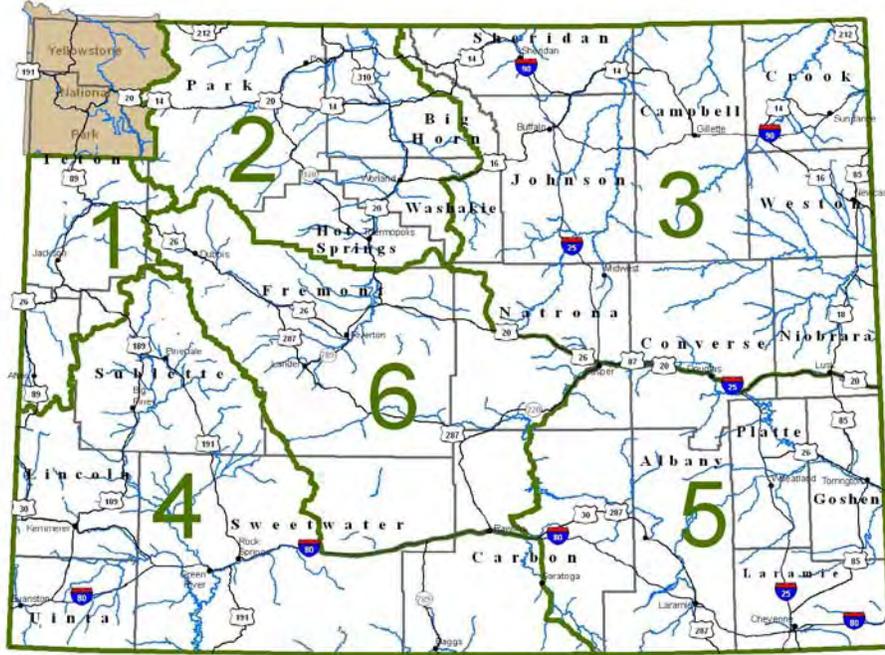
YES       NO (If NO, skip to Q9.)

**Q8** Referring to the sage-grouse map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (B-H), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

	1st Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Letter	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Sage-grouse									

# SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRD & MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

## Small Game, Upland Game Bird & Mourning Dove Management Areas



**Q9** Did you hunt SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, or MOURNING DOVES during the 2012-2013 season?

YES     NO (If NO, skip to Q11.)

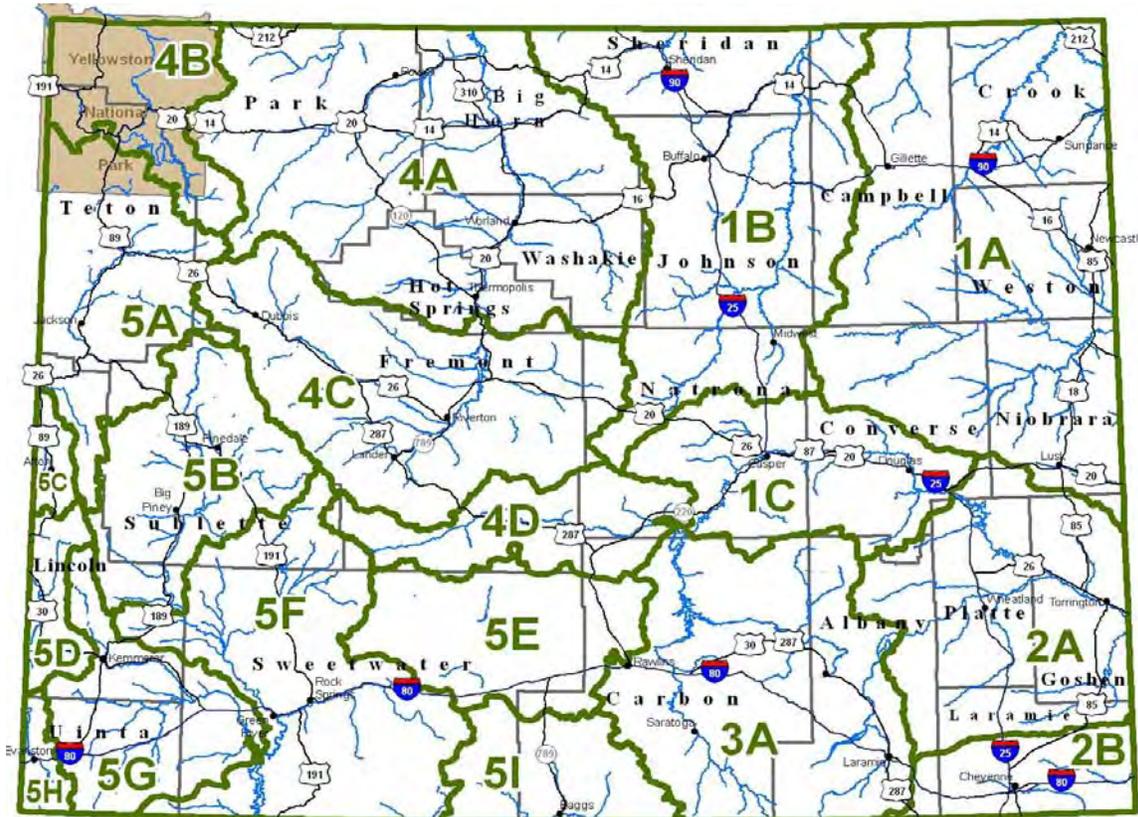
**Q10** Referring to the management areas map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1-6), number bagged, and number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPORT BIRDS HARVESTED AT PRIVATE BIRD FARMS**

	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted
Cottontail Rabbit									
Snowshoe Hare									
Squirrel									
Blue Grouse									
Ruffed Grouse									
Sharp-tailed Grouse									
Chukar Partridge									
Gray Partridge									
Pheasant									
Mourning Dove									

# DUCK & GOOSE HUNTING

## Waterfowl Management Areas



**Q11** Did you hunt DUCKS or GEESE during the 2012-2013 season?

YES     NO (If NO, your survey is complete.)

**Q12** Referring to the Waterfowl Management Areas map above, please enter the management areas you hunted most (1A-5I), number bagged, and the number of days hunted for up to 3 areas.

**Q12a**

Ducks	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

**Q12b** Answer Q12b **only** if you hunted geese **between September 1 and September 8.**

Early Goose Season (Sept 1 - Sept 8)	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

**Q12c** Answer Q12c **only** if you hunted geese during the regular season **beginning September 22 or October 6.**

Regular Goose Season (beginning Sept 22 or Oct 6)	1st Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Bagged	# of Days Hunted

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY**



# WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FURBEARER/TRAPPER HARVEST SURVEY

***Please return by JUNE 7, 2013***

**YOUR ONLINE FURBEARER/TRAPPER  
HUNTER SURVEY KEY IS**

If you prefer to fill out the survey on the Internet, please use the **Hunter Survey Key** provided above. Go to <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> and select "Hunting", then "Harvest Surveys".

If you have questions about the survey or prefer to complete it over the phone, please contact Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, at 307-777-4567 or email: [gail.sheridan@wyo.gov](mailto:gail.sheridan@wyo.gov)

Dear Hunters & Trappers,

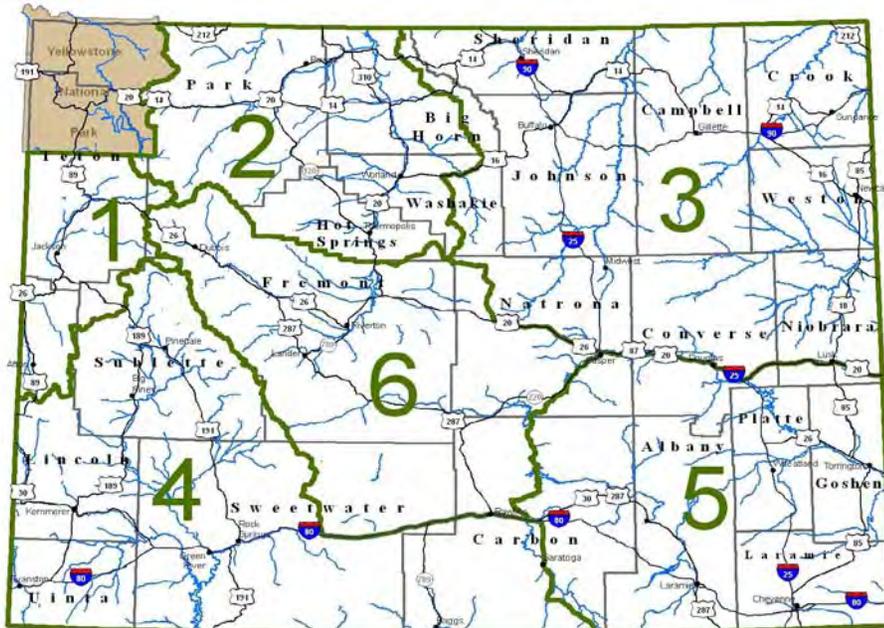
We are asking you to participate in our 2012-2013 FURBEARER harvest survey. Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations of these species and recommend hunting seasons. Your response is very important even if you did not hunt or were unsuccessful. Please report your trapping and hunting results for the period 10/1/2012 to 4/30/2013 and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid envelope or complete it on the Internet as shown above **by JUNE 7, 2013**.

Q1. Did you trap or hunt badgers, beavers, martens, minks, muskrats, or weasels during the 2012-2013 season?

Yes (If YES, use the map below to answer the questions that follow.)

No (If NO, your survey is complete, thank you!)

## Furbearer Management Areas



Q2 How many trap sets were put out?  
(Note: 2 or more traps in a single set are considered as 1 trap set.)

Q3 How many nights were the above number of trap sets out?

OVER  $\longrightarrow$

Q4 How many snare sets were put out?

(Note: 2 or more snares in a single set are considered as 1 snare set.)

Q5 How many nights were the above number of snare sets out?

Q6 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you TRAPPED or SNARED during the 2012-2013 season. Referring to the Furbearer map on the front, enter the areas (1-6), number TRAPPED, and number SNARED for the 3 areas you trapped most.

	1st Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	2nd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared	3rd Area Number	# Trapped	# Snared
Badger									
Beaver									
Marten									
Mink									
Muskrat									
Weasel									

Q7 Please tell us which of the following Furbearer Species you HUNTED WITH A FIREARM during the 2012-2013 season. Referring to the Furbearer Management Area map on the front, enter the areas (1-6), number SHOT, and number of days hunted for the 3 areas you hunted most.

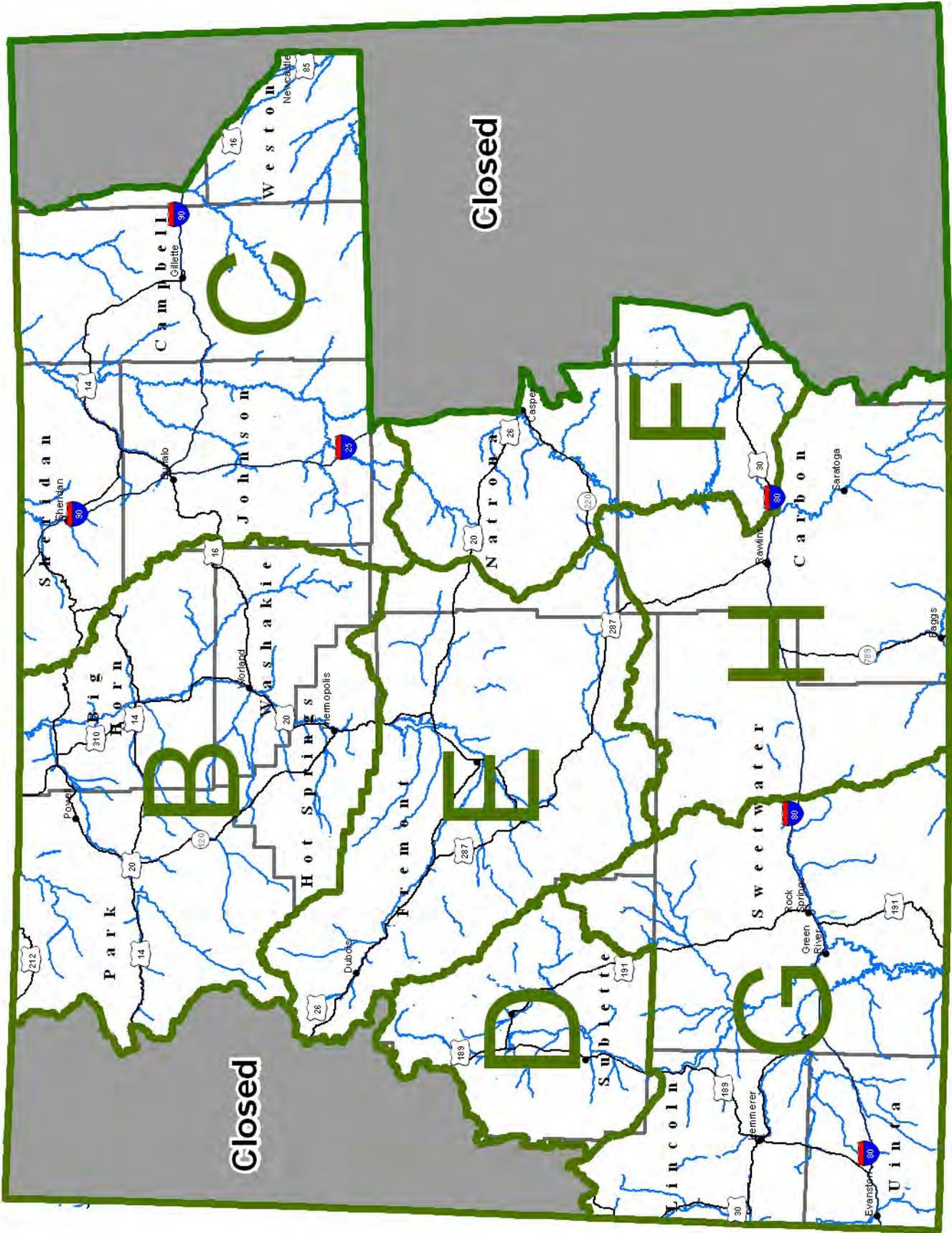
	1st Area Number	# Shot	# of Days Hunted	2nd Area Number	# Shot	# of Days Hunted	3rd Area Number	# Shot	# of Days Hunted
Badger									
Beaver									
Marten									
Mink									
Muskrat									
Weasel									

COMMENTS:

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY**



# Sage-Grouse Management Areas





## 2012 EARLY CRANE HARVEST SURVEY

Please complete and return by  
**November 1.**

### Dear Sportsman,

Each year the Wyoming Game & Fish Department conducts harvest surveys to help set hunting seasons. Your participation provides key data we need to manage game populations. Your response is important even if you were unable to hunt this year. Please fill out the following questionnaire as completely as possible concerning your participation in the 2012 early Sandhill Crane season. Then return the completed survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope. **Thank you for your help with this important information!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did you hunt the early crane season? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. What area did you hunt? (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Bear/Ham's Fork River \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Salt River (Afton) \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Farson/Eden  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Riverton Area \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Unita \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Big Horn Basin

3. Number of days hunted: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you Harvest a crane? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

5. If you hunted and harvested a crane during the season, was it: (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult (Bright Red Crown On Top Of Head)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Juvenile (Top Of Head Gray Or Reddish Brown)

6. Indicate the number of cranes knocked down, but not retrieved: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Comments

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**2013 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER HARVEST SURVEY CARD**

**Conservation Order Special Management Permit Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Stamp Number)

Please list your hunting activities below for the period of February 20 - April 8:\*

Number of days you hunted	
Number of light geese you harvested	
Number of light geese you knocked down but not retrieved	
Did you use an electronic caller? Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many light geese did you harvest while using a caller?	
Did you hunt after sunset? Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many light geese did you harvest after sunset?	
List the primary county in which you hunted	

\*If you did not hunt, enter "0" at the top of the column, and leave the remainder of card blank.



# WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2012 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

**PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 15, 2013**

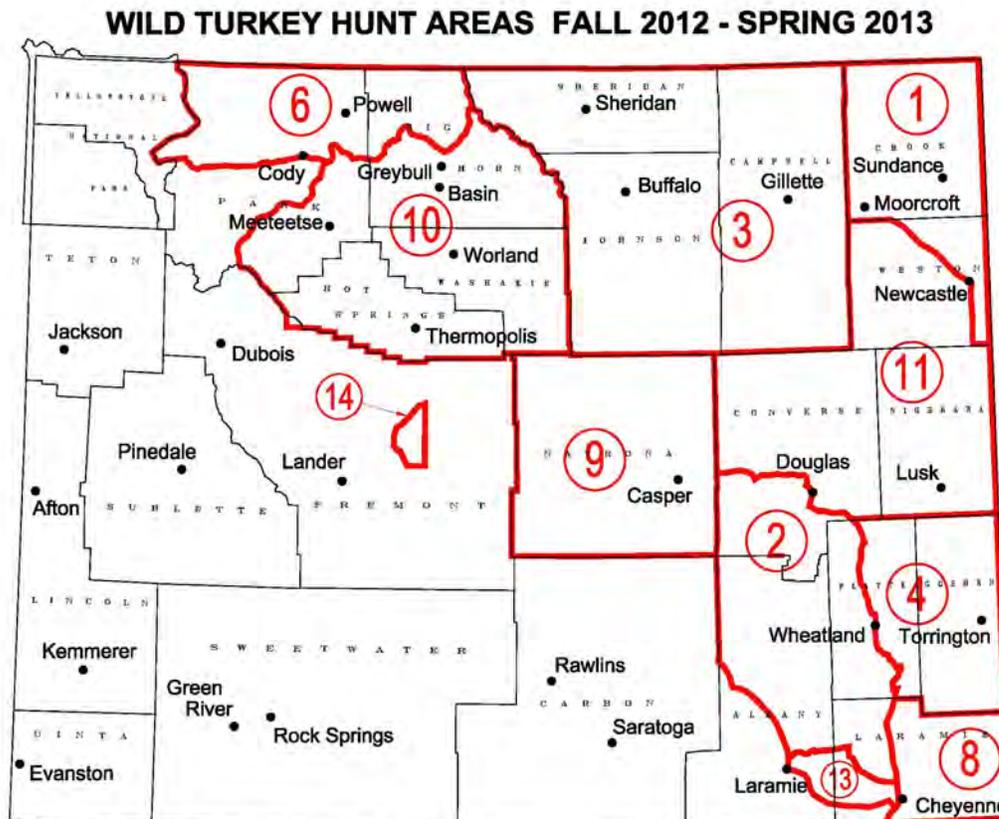


Your Hunter Key is:

Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT'S FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY for the 2012 season (Sept. 15 thru Dec. 31). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and very important even if you did not hunt wild turkeys or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you for your help. By Friday, March 15, 2013, please complete this survey in one of three ways: FIRST OPTION—via the Internet go to [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov), click on "Hunting" then "Harvest Surveys" and use the electronic survey form by selecting "Fall Turkey" and entering the Hunter Key as it appears on this page above your name. SECOND OPTION —complete the survey on the back of this page and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope. THIRD OPTION — to complete the survey over the phone, call Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, (307) 777-4567.

**USING THE MAP BELOW, COMPLETE THE SURVEY ON THE BACK.** 



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Q1. Did you hunt wild turkey?  Yes  No If "NO" your survey is complete.

Q2. Did you have more than one license?  Yes  No

Q3. Did you hunt on  Private Land  National Forest  Other

Q4. Please tell us about your first (or only) license:

Check which type of license: GENERAL  or LIMITED QUOTA

Hunt areas you hunted. See Map	# of days hunted in this area	Did you harvest a turkey in this area?	Harvested	Weapon used to harvest	Date of harvest
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Thank you for your help with this important study!

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# WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2013 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY

**PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 28, 2013**

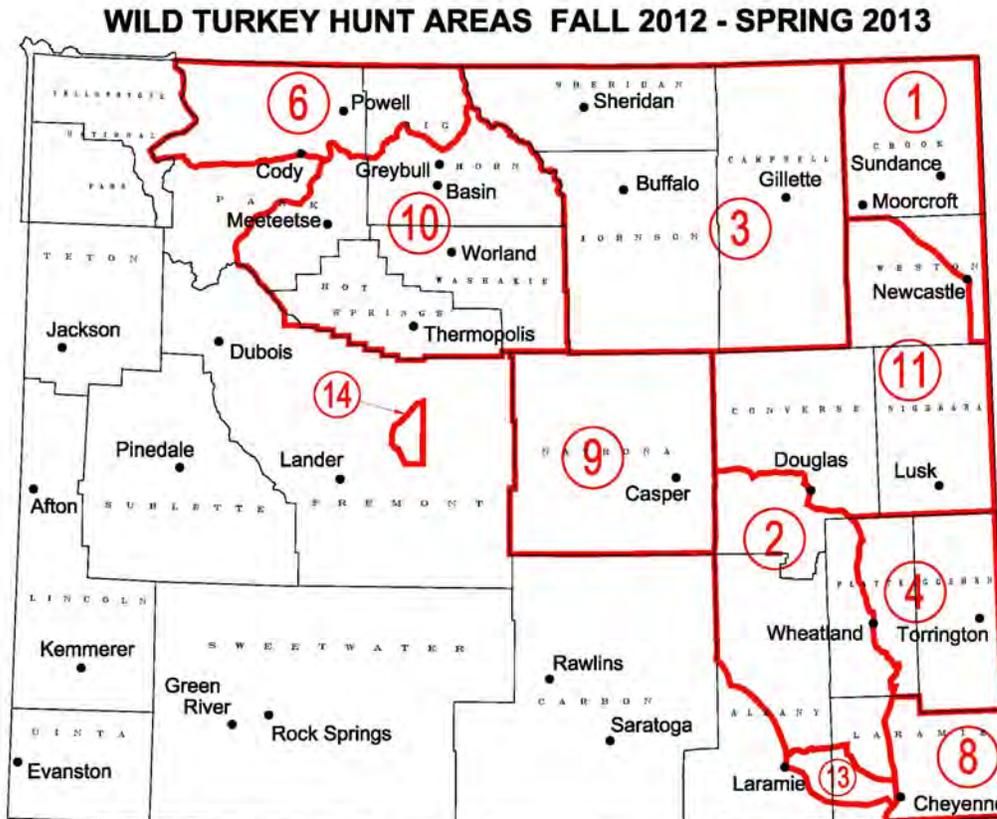


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Dear Hunter,

We are asking you to participate in the WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT'S SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST SURVEY for the 2013 season (April 1 through May 20). Our biologists use the results of this survey to monitor populations and recommend hunting seasons. Your responses are confidential and very important even if you did not hunt wild turkeys or were unsuccessful. We appreciate your assistance with this survey and thank you for your help. **By Friday, June 28, 2013**, please complete this survey in one of three ways: **FIRST OPTION**—via the Internet go to [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov), click on "Hunting" then "Harvest Surveys" and use the electronic survey form by selecting "Spring Turkey" and entering the Hunter Key as it appears on this page above your name. **SECOND OPTION** —complete the survey on the back of this page and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope. **THIRD OPTION** — to complete the survey over the phone, call Gail Sheridan, Harvest Survey Coordinator, (307) 777-4567.

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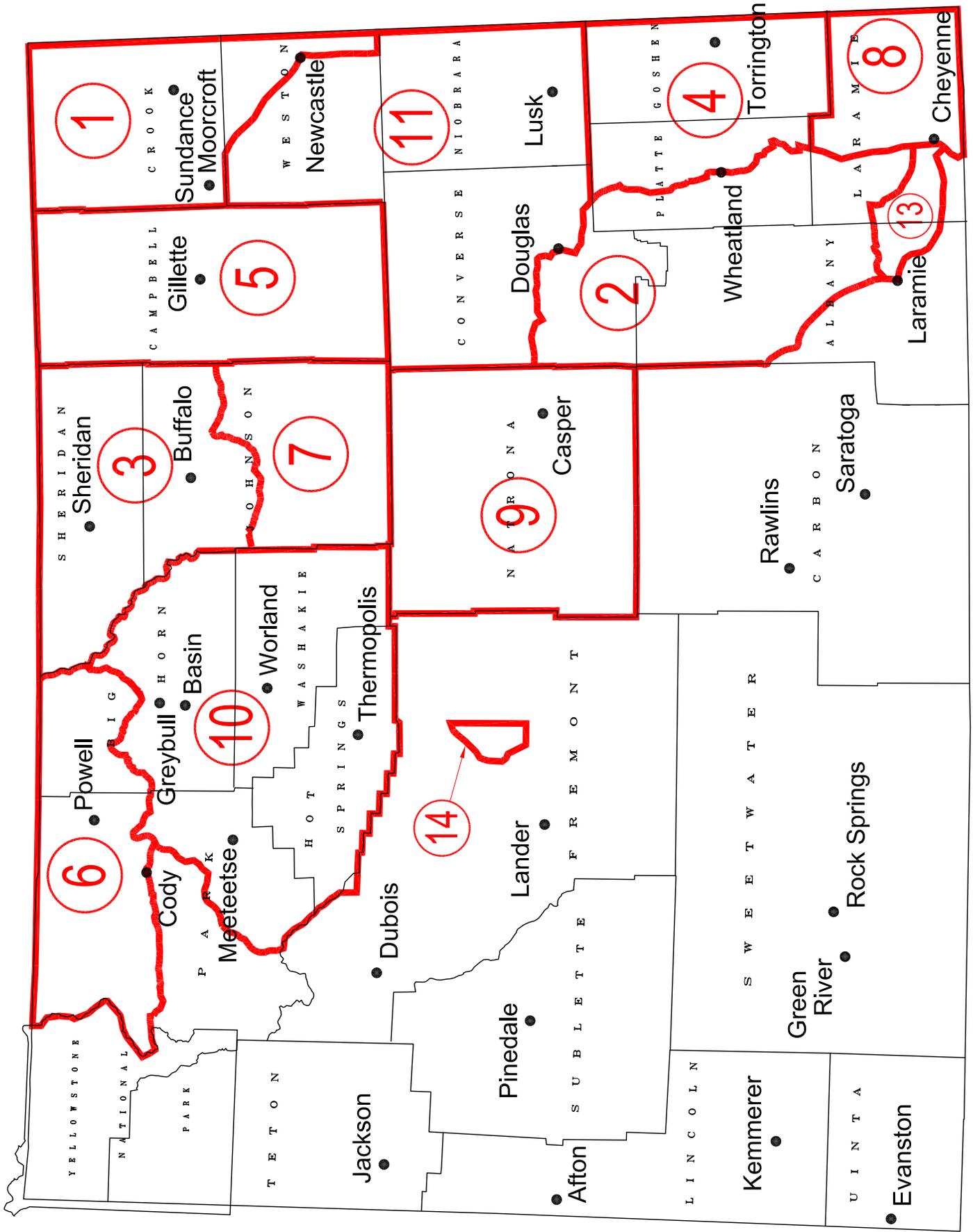
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# WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS FALL 2011 - SPRING 2012



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# **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS & WATERFOWL**



"Sandhill Crane", Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department



2012 MOURNING DOVE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	4	15	4
2	163	1905	755
3	154	1117	471
4	70	373	186
5	430	6798	1390
6	86	851	232
SPECIES TOTAL	907	11059	3038

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF GREATER SANDHILL CRANES  
HARVEST AND HUNTER ACTIVITY DURING THE  
LIMITED QUOTA AND EARLY SEASON IN WYOMING 2012**  
Projected estimates from harvest questionnaires.

	AREA						TOTALS
	1 BEAR RIVER	2 SALT RIVER	3 FARSON	4 RIVERTON	5 UINTA	6 BIG HORNS	
PERMITS	25	16	59	80	10	80	270
NUMBER HUNTING	23	13	49	59	10	62	216
DID NOT HUNT	2	3	10	21	0	18	54
DAYS HUNTED	48	36	76	149	47	165	521
AVG DAYS/HUNTER	2.09	2.77	1.55	2.53	4.70	2.66	16.30
ADULT CRANE HARVEST	11	7	31	21	0	33	103
JUVENILE CRANE HARVEST	2	3	8	9	0	9	31
TOTAL CRANE HARVEST	13	10	39	30	0	42	134
HUNTER SUCCESS %	57%	77%	80%	51%	0%	68%	62%
PERMIT SUCCESS %	52%	63%	66%	38%	0%	53%	50%
CRANES KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT RETRIEVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Due to rounding of numbers during the derivation of the final estimates, area numbers may not equal totals.

2012 DUCK  
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	83	501	247
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	108	406	327
1C	Central North Platte River	417	3482	2482
2A	Lower Platte River	548	3478	2425
2B	South Platte River	48	362	171
3A	Upper North Platte River	151	847	693
4A	Big Horn River Basin	524	6363	3258
4B	Yellowstone River - YNP	5	33	28
4C	Wind River Basin	221	1369	1100
4D	Sweetwater River	11	21	25
5A	Snake River	68	451	291
5B	Upper Green River Basin	97	402	248
5C	Salt River	78	981	391
5D	Lower Bear River	65	529	323
5E	Great Divide Basin	15	87	34
5F	Lower Green River Basin	306	1769	1112
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	140	919	400
5H	Upper Bear River	112	1182	365
5I	Little Snake	9	57	18
SPECIES TOTALS		3006	23239	13938

2012 EARLY GEESE  
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	5	0	5
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	4	4	4
1C	Central North Platte River	9	0	9
2A	Lower Platte River	31	118	117
2B	South Platte River	9	22	20
3A	Upper North Platte River	4	0	7
4A	Big Horn River Basin	16	42	53
4C	Wind River Basin	7	15	48
5A	Snake River	40	119	110
5B	Upper Green River Basin	12	23	21
5C	Salt River	16	44	43
5D	Lower Bear River	48	131	119
5E	Great Divide Basin	0	0	0
5F	Lower Green River Basin	73	156	145
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	35	99	95
5H	Upper Bear River	23	19	45
SPECIES TOTALS		332	792	841

2012 REGULAR GEESE  
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	81	445	308
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	70	163	192
1C	Central North Platte River	221	950	1509
2A	Lower Platte River	843	5210	4978
2B	South Platte River	85	401	198
3A	Upper North Platte River	60	130	233
4A	Big Horn River Basin	393	4841	2909
4C	Wind River Basin	138	967	664
4D	Sweetwater River	4	5	7
5A	Snake River	36	67	69
5B	Upper Green River Basin	45	77	107
5C	Salt River	32	266	242
5D	Lower Bear River	24	25	170
5F	Lower Green River Basin	169	242	639
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	58	144	237
5H	Upper Bear River	44	26	190
SPECIES TOTALS		2303	13959	12652

2012 ANNUAL COMBINED GEESE  
HARVEST ESTIMATES

MANAGEMENT AREA		HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1A	Missouri - Little Powder River	86	445	313
1B	Tongue - Little Bighorn - Powder River	74	167	196
1C	Central North Platte River	230	950	1518
2A	Lower Platte River	874	5328	5095
2B	South Platte River	94	423	218
3A	Upper North Platte River	64	130	240
4A	Big Horn River Basin	409	4883	2962
4C	Wind River Basin	145	982	712
4D	Sweetwater River	4	5	7
5A	Snake River	76	186	179
5B	Upper Green River Basin	57	100	128
5C	Salt River	48	310	285
5D	Lower Bear River	72	156	289
5F	Lower Green River Basin	242	398	784
5G	Ham's Fork - Black Fork	93	243	332
5H	Upper Bear River	67	45	235
SPECIES TOTALS		2635	14751	13493

## WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

### CHAPTER 39

#### EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Central Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.

(b) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.

(c) “Federal Duck Stamp” means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

(d) “Migratory game bird” means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.

(e) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(f) “Pacific Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.

(g) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.

(h) “Season limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken during the entire season.

(i) “Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10, 50 CFR 20 revised as of October 1, 2011, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish

Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a HIP permit through the Electronic Licensing System shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Applications for limited quota sandhill crane permits shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Bighorn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Park, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Washakie Counties. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall be in the same envelope and shall specify the same hunt area preference. Permit applications shall be submitted to: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, License Draw, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82006, between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2012.

(f) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Applications for federal permits to hunt in the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Sheridan and Weston counties. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(g) Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Closed Areas, and Bag Limit.

(i) Mourning Doves, Rails and Snipe – Statewide

<b>MOURNING DOVES, RAILS AND SNIPE</b>						
<b>Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
MOURNING DOVE - STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	15	30
SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL - STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	b, d, e	25	25
SNIPE – STATEWIDE	Sep. 1	Dec. 16	See Sec. 6	b, d, e a - after Nov. 20 c - after Nov. 14	8	16

(ii) Sandhill Crane – Central and Pacific Flyways (see Section 8 for hunt area descriptions)

<b>LIMITED QUOTA SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS</b>						
<b>Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Season Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
Hunt Area 1 – Limited quota; 25 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		1	
Hunt Area 2 – Limited quota; 15 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	e	1	
Hunt Area 3 – Limited quota; 60 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	d	1	
Hunt Area 4 – Limited quota; 80 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 15	Oct. 7	See Sec. 6		1	
Hunt Area 5 – Limited quota; 10 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		1	
Hunt Area 6 – Limited quota; 80 permits any sandhill crane	Sep. 15	Oct. 7	See Sec. 6		1	
<b>GENERAL SANDHILL CRANE SEASON</b>						
<b>Species, Hunt Areas and Limitations</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
Hunt Area 7 – Permit required, any sandhill crane	Sep. 15	Nov. 11	See Sec. 6	b	3	6

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

<b>EARLY CANADA GOOSE – ANY CANADA GOOSE OR CACKLING GOOSE</b>
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Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
Pacific Flyway – All counties except Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6	d, e	2	4
Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	See Sec. 6		3	6

(h) Permits. All persons, regardless of age, hunting sandhill cranes shall possess a permit valid for the area in which they are hunting. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) limited quota permit to hunt sandhill cranes. A person may also obtain a federal crane permit valid for the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7.

(i) Tagging Sandhill Cranes. When a sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota permit, the permittee shall detach, sign and date the proper coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of kill. The coupon shall remain on the crane carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, except that during transportation of the carcass the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass, it must be in possession of the person accompanying the carcass at all times. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block shall be cut out for the date and the month of kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of a crane in such a manner as to be plainly visible. Sandhill cranes killed during the general crane season in Hunt Area 7 are not required to be tagged.

**Section 5. Description of Closed Areas.** The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. Also that portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge. All lands within Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge shall be closed to goose hunting during the early Canada goose season.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for 1.6 miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; southerly along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

**Section 6. Shooting Hours.** Shooting hours for the hunting of all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

(a) 2012 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for the taking of migratory game birds. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b>September</b>								
1-7	6:18	7:48	6:12	7:42	6:04	7:34	5:58	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:35	6:19	7:29	6:11	7:21	6:05	7:15

15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
<b>October</b>								
1-7	6:51	6:54	6:45	6:48	6:37	6:40	6:31	6:34
8-14	6:59	6:42	6:53	6:36	6:45	6:28	6:39	6:22
15-21	7:07	6:31	7:01	6:25	6:53	6:17	6:47	6:11
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
<b>November</b>								
1-3	7:26	6:10	7:20	6:04	7:12	5:56	7:06	5:50
*4-14	6:34	5:02	6:28	4:56	6:20	4:48	6:14	4:42
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
<b>December</b>								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-16	7:11	4:45	7:03	4:39	6:57	4:31	6:51	4:25

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta Counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

**Section 7. Falconry Seasons.** Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4 (a), (b), (c) and (h) and the closures identified in Section 4 (g). No person shall be in possession of any firearm while hunting with a falcon.

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

<b>FALCONRY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Open Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>AGGREGATE Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
Sora Rail, Virginia Rail and Snipe - Statewide	Sep. 1	Dec. 16				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sep. 1	Sep. 8				

\*\*The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for those species are open.

**Section 8. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) General and Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Areas.

- (i) Area 1. All of the Bear River and Ham's Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.
- (ii) Area 2. All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.
- (iii) Area 3. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Eden Project in Sweetwater County.
- (iv) Area 4. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries; those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.
- (v) Area 5. All of Uinta County.
- (vi) Area 6. All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.
- (vii) Area 7. All of Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte and Weston counties; that portion of Johnson County east of Interstate Highway 25 from the Natrona County line north to Interstate Highway 90 and east of Interstate Highway 90 from the intersection with Interstate Highway 25 to the Sheridan County line; and that portion of Sheridan County east of Interstate Highway 90.

**Section 9. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012

## WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

### CHAPTER 14

#### LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of late migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Central Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) "Daily Bag Limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (d) "Dark Geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (e) "Federal Duck Stamp" means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (f) "Light Geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
- (g) "Migratory Game Bird" means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (h) "Nontoxic Shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (i) "Pacific Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (j) "Possession Limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state, flyway, or zone, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways, or zones in which the hunting takes place.
- (k) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, 2011, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement

for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who obtain a HIP permit through the Electronic License Service shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Bag Limit and Limitations.

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

<b>WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
<b><u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u></b>						
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sep. 22	Jan. 4	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sep. 22	Jan. 4	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sep. 22	Dec. 27	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

\*\* The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) hen mallards; and,
- no more than two (2) redheads.

The possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2012-2013 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Big Horn, Converse, Goshen, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park, Platte and Washakie counties, and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide.

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties; and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.

## (iv) Central Flyway

<b>WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 6	Dec. 30	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 30	Feb. 17	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40
<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b>						
DUCKS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 3	Dec. 2	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 8	Feb. 4	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 21	Feb. 17	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

\*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 8.

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b>						
DUCKS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		6**	12**
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		5**	10**
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		5**	10**
COOTS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		15	30
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		15	30
DARK GEESE	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 8	Jan. 16	See Sec. 6		5	10

\*\*The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks; and,
- no more than two (2) redheads.

The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers. Except for light geese, the possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 15-16, 2012. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 29-30, 2012. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 15-16, 2012. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.
- (iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 5(b), (d) and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

**Section 5. Description of Closed Areas.** The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwestwardly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. See Section 8 regarding the portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for one and six-tenths (1.6) miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming - Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

**Section 6. Shooting Hours.** Except as provided in Section 6(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 6(b).

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October 6 through October 21.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 21 through December 31.

(iii) All Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(b) 2012 - 2013 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time      QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b>September</b>								
1-7	6:18	7:48	6:12	7:42	6:04	7:34	5:58	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:35	6:19	7:29	6:11	7:21	6:05	7:15
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
<b>October</b>								
1-7	6:51	6:54	6:45	6:48	6:37	6:40	6:31	6:34
8-14	6:59	6:42	6:53	6:36	6:45	6:28	6:39	6:22
15-21	7:07	6:31	7:01	6:25	6:53	6:17	6:47	6:11
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
<b>November</b>								
1-3	7:26	6:10	7:20	6:04	7:12	5:56	7:06	5:50
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1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
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15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
<b>January</b>								
1-7	7:20	4:59	7:14	4:53	7:06	4:45	7:00	4:39
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:15	5:14	7:09	5:08	7:01	5:00	6:55	4:54
22-31	7:09	5:26	7:03	5:20	6:55	5:12	6:49	5:06
<b>February</b>								
1-7	7:00	5:37	6:54	5:31	6:46	5:23	6:40	5:17
8-14	6:51	5:46	6:45	5:40	6:37	5:32	6:31	5:26
15-17	6:44	5:53	6:38	5:47	6:30	5:39	6:24	5:33

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

**Section 7. Falconry Seasons.** Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4(a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4(e).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the

aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

<b>FALCONRY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Open Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>AGGREGATE Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 29	Oct. 24	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22				
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 15	Sep. 16				
	Sep. 22	Dec. 3				
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21				
	Nov. 21	Feb. 17				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21				
	Nov. 3	Dec. 2				
	Dec. 8	Feb. 4				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2	Sep. 22	Nov. 25				
	Dec. 8	Jan. 16				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 6	Dec. 30				
	Jan. 30	Feb. 17				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sep. 15	Sep. 16				
	Sep. 22	Jan. 4				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sep. 1	Sep. 8				
	Sep. 22	Dec. 27				

\*\*The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for these species are open.

**Section 8. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.** Nineteen (19) numbered pits/blinds shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area in Goshen County. From November 21, 2012, through February 17, 2013, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds. Maps of pits/blinds shall be posted at the Springer Check Station one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the 2012-2013 goose hunting season. Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.

(a) Selection of pits/blinds. Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/blinds by parking one vehicle directly in front of the post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/blind. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit/blind other than the one the hunting party is occupying.

(b) Access to pits/blinds. Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/blind shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/blind. Hunters shall not change pits/blinds except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/blind.

(c) Leaving pits/blinds. Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits/blinds at any time, but while hunting, hunters shall remain at the pit/blind at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

(d) Condition of pits/blinds. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits/blinds or use staples or nails to attach objects. It is permissible to move natural cover such as driftwood around or against the outside of a blind or pit. At the end of the hunt, all doors and lids shall be closed.

(e) Commercial operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area.

(f) Trash removal. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.

(g) The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area is open to light goose hunting during the Light Goose Conservation Order. Only the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area and the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 are open to light goose hunting. Participants shall be required to park only in the established parking locations. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, however participants are not required to hunt from the established pits or blinds. There shall be no registration requirement. Participants shall comply with all requirements set forth in Chapter 48, Light Goose Conservation Order.

**Section 9. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: November 14, 2012

## 2013 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

Harvest and hunter activity during the 2013 Light Goose Conservation Order in Wyoming.

	Season February 25 - April 7
Permits Sold (excludes known collector purchases)	<b>133</b>
Resident	100
Non-resident	30
Unknown residency	3
Initial Responses	78
% Initial Response	58.6
Second Responses	25
% Second Response	18.8
No Response <sup>a</sup>	30
% No Response	22.6
Total Survey Responses (completed surveys)	103
Percent Responded	77.4

<b>PROJECTED TOTAL<sup>b</sup></b>	
Active Hunters	<b>103</b>
Did Not Hunt	30
Total Days Hunted	346
Days/Hunter	3.4
Geese Harvested	436
Geese Knocked Down, but not retrieved	20
Total Harvest	<b>455</b>
Harvest/Hunter	4.4

Hunters using Electronic Callers	68
Harvest by Hunters using Electronic Callers	318
Average Harvest of Hunters using Callers	4.7

Hunters Hunting After Sunset	37
Harvest by Hunters Hunting After Sunset	68
Average Harvest of After Sunset Hunters	1.8

Hunters Using Callers and Hunting After Sunset	27
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% of Hunters Hunting in Goshen County	99%
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<sup>a</sup> Includes non-respondents, incomplete survey responses, and responses received after due date.

<sup>b</sup> Projected totals are the initial responses plus the nonresponse bias estimators.

Non-bias estimation as applied here is the projection of second responses on to nonrespondents.

For example, Active Hunters = (second respondents that hunted/second respondents) (permits analyzed - initial responses)

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 48**

**LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(xxii).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be an open season for the take of light geese as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Central Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) "Conservation Order" means an action to reduce the mid-continent population of light geese, which is promulgated in accordance with 50 CFR 20.21 and 50 CFR 21.60, revised as of October 1, 2011, which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.
- (d) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (e) "Dark geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (f) "Federal Duck Stamp" means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (g) "Light geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
- (h) "Migratory game bird" means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (i) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (j) "Pacific Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (k) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state or flyway, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.
- (l) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

**Section 4. Licensing, Permitting and Reporting Requirements.**

(a) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp Requirements. Each person who takes or attempts to take any light geese under the authority of this regulation shall have in possession a valid

Wyoming game bird license and a valid Wyoming conservation stamp (except as otherwise exempted by State statute).

(b) Conservation Order Special Management Permit. A Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be in possession of any person participating in the light goose conservation order and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request of any authorized Department representative. The Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be validated by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Conservation Order Special Management Permits shall be available from the Laramie and Casper Regional Offices, the Department's Headquarters Office in Cheyenne and at designated license selling agents or they may be obtained by submitting a completed application form to:

License Section  
Attn: Conservation Order Special Management Permit  
Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
5400 Bishop Blvd.  
Cheyenne WY 82006-0001

The application form can be requested by calling 1-800-842-1934 from in-state, 1-307-777-4600 from out-of-state, or the application form may be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall accurately complete the survey card provided with the permit and return the survey card to the Headquarters Office in Cheyenne no later than April 19, 2013. The survey card shall be completed and returned whether the person participated in the conservation order or not.

(d) Persons are not required to possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp) or Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit in order to participate in the light goose conservation order.

#### **Section 5. Conservation Order Regulations.**

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 U.S.C. 703-712; 16 U.C. 742 a-j; Pub. L. 106-108; Pub. L. 95-616; 92 Stat. 3112 (16 U.S.C. 712(2)); and 50 CFR 20 and 21, revised as of October 1, 2011, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, and the conservation order for mid-continent light geese, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; except, those portions of 50 CFR 20 and 21, revised as of October 1, 2011, which allow the use of unplugged shotguns during the conservation order are not adopted as regulations of the Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Shotguns shall be the only weapons that can be used to take light geese. Shotguns larger than ten (10) gauge shall not be legal for the take of light geese in Wyoming during the conservation order for mid-continent light geese. Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or imitations thereof may be used to take light geese during the dates of the light goose conservation order.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of all light geese in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall take light geese while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Conservation Order Dates, Shooting Hours, Closed Areas, Bag Limit.

(i) The Central Flyway portion of Wyoming, excluding the closed areas listed in Section 6, is open during the conservation order for mid-continent light geese. The Central Flyway is that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin. Please refer to the Wyoming Waterfowl Flyway Areas Map in Chapter 14, Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

<b>LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER, CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Conservation Order</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 6 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
LIGHT GEESE Central Flyway	Feb. 25	April 7	See Sec. 7	a(i), a(ii), b, c, d a(iii) after March 20	20	Unrestricted

(ii) Those areas within the boundaries of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not be claimed or reserved by leaving personal belongings, including decoys, unattended at the pit/blind at any time. Conservation order participants are not required to possess a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt permit or a goose special management registration nor are they required to hunt from a pit/blind during the light goose conservation order.

**Section 6. Description of Closed Areas.** Except as otherwise noted, the areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the table in Section 5.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse.

(ii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iii) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. All of Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed to the taking of light geese after March 20.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line. All Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Pacific Flyway

(i) The entire Pacific Flyway portion of Wyoming shall be closed to the taking of light geese during the conservation order for light geese. The Pacific Flyway is that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin. Please refer to the Wyoming Waterfowl Flyway Areas Map in Chapter 14, Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

**Section 7. Conservation Order Shooting Hours.** Shooting hours for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

2013 Conservation Order Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time QT = Quitting Time

	AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b>February</b>						
25-28	6:23	6:30	6:15	6:22	6:09	6:16
<b>March</b>						
1-9	6:12	6:38	6:04	6:30	5:58	6:24
*10-14	7:00	7:46	6:52	7:38	6:46	7:32
15-21	6:50	7:54	6:42	7:46	6:36	7:40
22-31	6:34	8:04	6:26	7:56	6:20	7:50
<b>April</b>						
1- 7	6:20	8:13	6:12	8:05	6:06	7:59

\*Start Daylight Savings Time

AREA B – Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C – Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D – Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012

# UPLAND GAME BIRDS



Sage Grouse, Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department



2012 PHEASANT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	1026	3549	4073
3	886	3087	3571
4	18	18	22
5	1334	3981	3389
6	379	1274	1533
SPECIES TOTAL	3684	11973	12647

2012 RUFFED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	222	1521	1565
2	56	145	250
3	101	184	507
4	326	899	1849
6	118	197	354
SPECIES TOTAL	918	3003	4869

2012-2013 CHUKAR PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	10	0	20
2	535	1396	1918
3	119	354	366
4	21	16	40
5	71	113	162
6	121	128	387
SPECIES TOTAL	877	2007	2893

2012 BLUE GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	165	305	816
2	207	760	848
3	299	765	1062
4	292	813	1648
5	427	825	1551
6	193	337	659
SPECIES TOTAL	1583	3805	6584

2012-2013 GRAY PARTRIDGE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
2	297	880	1171
3	299	1325	1797
4	23	71	33
5	26	85	128
6	62	225	250
SPECIES TOTAL	707	2586	3379

2012 SAGE-GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
B	168	255	329
C	92	172	184
D	294	765	755
E	527	1195	1326
F	243	428	480
G	1201	2701	2990
H	404	845	930
SPECIES TOTAL	2929	6361	6994

2012 SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
3	320	910	1744
5	103	59	457
SPECIES TOTAL	490	1066	2645

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 11**

**SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sage grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally in possession. Sage grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sage grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sage grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sage grouse on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Hunt areas, season dates, bag limit and limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 15	Sep. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sep. 15	Sep. 17	2	4	Any sage grouse

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

(c) The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.

(d) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveys requesting harvest information.

**Section 7. Hunt Area Description.**

(a) Area and number.

**Area 1.** Includes all of Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sweetwater, Uinta and Washakie Counties, as well as that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30-287 and west of the Fetterman Road (Albany County Road 61), that portion of Converse County south and west of the Balsh Road (U.S.F.S. Road 660), all of Carbon County except that portion east of the Medicine Bow River and south of U.S. Highway 30-287, all of Lincoln and Sublette Counties except those portions in the Snake River drainage, and all of Natrona County except that portion east of Interstate Highway 25. Area 1 also excludes that portion of Natrona County south of I-25 in the Muddy Creek drainage.

**Area 2.** The entire state of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 3 and 4.

**Area 3.** All lands in the Snake River drainage within Lincoln, Sublette and Teton Counties.

**Area 4.** Beginning at the intersection of the Sheridan-Big Horn County line with the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Rocky Point Road in Crook County; southerly along said road to the "D" Road; southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16 at Moorcroft; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85 at Newcastle; southerly along said highway to the Weston-Niobrara-Campbell-Converse-Natrona-Johnson County lines; westerly along said county lines to the Washakie-Johnson-Big Horn-Sheridan County lines; northerly then northwesterly along said county lines to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 12**

**BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally in possession. Blue and ruffed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

- (a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.
- (b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting blue and ruffed grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting blue or ruffed grouse on national wildlife refuges.
- (c) Hunt Areas, season dates, bag limit and limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Nov. 30	3	9	Any blue or ruffed grouse

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

- (a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.
- (b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and number.

**Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.**

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 13**

**PARTRIDGE HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (c) "Partridge" means chukar partridge and gray partridge.
- (d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally in possession. Chukar and gray partridge in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

- (a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.
- (b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting chukar and gray partridge on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting chukar and gray partridge on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.
- (c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while partridge are being transported.
- (d) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

<b>CHUKAR PARTRIDGE</b>					
<b>Hunt Area</b>	<b>Dates of Seasons</b>		<b>Bag Limit</b>		<b>Limitations</b>
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 chukar partridge	15 chukar partridge	Any chukar partridge

<b>GRAY PARTRIDGE</b>					
<b>Hunt Area</b>	<b>Dates of Seasons</b>		<b>Bag Limit</b>		<b>Limitations</b>
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 gray partridge	15 gray partridge	Any gray partridge

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 for all hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.**

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## CHAPTER 18

### PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of pheasants as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally in possession. Pheasants in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.
- (e) "Season bag limit" means the total number of pheasants that may be legally taken from a particular hunt area during an entire season.
- (f) "Youth" means any person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) on or before October 1 of the application year.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Bag and Possession Limit. Only one (1) daily bag limit may be taken per day regardless of the number of hunt areas hunted in a single day. When hunting more than one (1) hunt area, a person's daily and possession limits shall be equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily and possession limits prescribed for any one (1) of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.

(b) Evidence of Sex and Species. Evidence of sex and species shall be retained on each pheasant harvested. The feathered head, feathered wing, or foot shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of the pheasant in the field and during transportation.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting pheasants on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting pheasants on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(d) Required Clothing. Any person hunting pheasants within the boundaries of any Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Habitat Management Area, or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal

lands bordering and including Glendo State Park, shall wear in a visible manner at least one (1) outer garment of fluorescent orange color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater.

(e) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit, Limitations and Shooting Hours.

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours	
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End
1	Nov. 3	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 3	Dec. 2	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dec.3	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
5	Nov.3	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	Veterans Day (State Observed Holiday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Weekend Days ½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset
						Week Days 11:00 a.m.	Sunset
7	Nov. 3	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 7 in Platte and Laramie Counties shall be open for any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise  Table Mountain WHMA ½ hour before Sunrise 4:00 p.m.	Sunset
8	Oct. 18	Nov.2	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 3	Nov. 12	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	3	9	Male pheasant only valid in that portion of Area 8 west of Goshen County Road 37 (Bump Sullivan)	½ hour before sunrise	4:00 p.m.
9	Nov. 3	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits) Refer to Section 7	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
11	Nov. 3	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise	Sunset

(f) Closed Areas.

(i) The Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County shall be closed during the period of December 15 through March 10 to all human presence within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator. Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access shall be allowed during this period.

(ii) The Downar Bird Farm and Springer Headquarters in Goshen County shall be closed to pheasant hunting as marked by signs.

(iii) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting beginning November 21.

(iv) The Sheridan Bird Farm in Sheridan County shall be closed to pheasant hunting, except during hunts sponsored and supervised by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

**Section 5. Pheasant Special Management Permit.** A pheasant special management permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-In Access program, and members of their immediate families (landowner's spouse, parents, grandparents, or lineal descendants and their spouses) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a pheasant special management permit when they are hunting pheasants on the deeded land of the landowner. The pheasant special management permit shall be in possession of any person while hunting pheasants, and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request from any authorized Department representative. Any person purchasing a pheasant special management permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing that person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a pheasant special management permit through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this section. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) Special Management Permit Areas. A pheasant special management permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

(i) Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Johnson County.

(ii) Glendo State Park, including all Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area in Platte County.

(iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

(iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area, including all the lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission surrounding Bump-Sullivan and Springer reservoirs in Goshen County.

(v) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(vi) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding any private lands included within the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, in Bighorn County.

(vii) All lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road in Fremont County.

(viii) All lands opened to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department's Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Access Program, excluding Walk-In Access Areas in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie Counties on which pheasants are not released by the Department.

(ix) All State lands in Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

**Section 6. Springer Permit Pheasant Season.** In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a pheasant special management permit. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 18 through November 2.

(a) Application for Springer Permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 6 (c) of this Chapter. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(b) Issuance of Springer Permits. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hunters shall be allowed to hunt at any one time during the Springer permit pheasant season. When a hunter checks out of the Springer Check Station, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station. If all one hundred twenty (120) permits for a single day have not been issued by the Department, or if the check station attendants are advised that a permitted hunter will not participate, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8 a.m. Hunters who are issued permits through the drawing must check in at the check station by 9:00 a.m. on the date their permit is valid. Permits that are unclaimed after 9:00 a.m. shall be issued to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 20 and October 28.

(d) Springer Check Station. The Springer Check Station is located one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on the south boundary of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The hours of operation of the check station shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the Springer permit pheasant season. Persons participating in the Springer permit pheasant season shall check in at the check station prior to hunting. Prior to leaving the Springer permit pheasant area, each hunter shall check out at the check station by 4:30 p.m. on the same day that the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants and return all special hunt materials to the check station.

(e) Parking Assignment. Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department for each vehicle utilized by hunters. Parking lot tags shall be displayed in a visible manner in each vehicle. All vehicles shall be parked in assigned parking lots.

**Section 7. Glendo Permit Pheasant Season.** Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on each Friday, Saturday, and Monday during the open season in November and on December 1, December 2 and December 3. Glendo permits are not required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area

9 on other days during the open season. A person shall possess and present upon request a valid Glendo permit (on those days required), a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute), a pheasant special management permit and for hunters born on or after January 1, 1966, a hunter safety certificate.

(a) Youth Only Hunt Days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 4, 11, 18 and 25. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo Permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) Glendo permit in a calendar year. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(c) Issuance of Glendo Permits. A maximum of sixty (60) permits shall be issued in the drawing for each day a permit is required. The Glendo permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

**Section 8. Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Areas Youth Hunt.** The youth only hunt day is November 17. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day, except as provided in this section. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area north of the Shoshone River.

**Section 9. Archery Regulations.**

(a) General Seasons. Pheasants may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 10. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Pheasants may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4(f) and subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

**Section 11. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1.** All of Fremont County, excluding the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and excluding the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass

Lake Road. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs Counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 2.** All lands included in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

**Area 5.** All of the lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 7.** All of Goshen and Platte Counties and that portion of Laramie County east of U.S. Highway 85, excluding Hunt Areas 8 and 9.

**Area 8.** All of the lands included in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

**Area 9.** All Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area.

**Area 11.** The entire State of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

**Section 12. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 19**

**SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally in possession. Sharp-tailed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while sharp-tailed grouse are being transported.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(d) Open Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1. That portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.**

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012



# WILD TURKEY



Wild Turkey, Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department



**FALL 2012 & SPRING 2013 WILD TURKEY  
ANNUAL HARVEST ESTIMATES**

(June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013)

	<b>NUMBER SOLD</b>	<b>NUMBER HUNTERS</b>	<b>TOMS</b>	<b>HENS</b>	<b>TOTAL HARVEST</b>	<b>SUCCESS RATE</b>	<b>HUNTER DAYS</b>	<b>DAYS/ HARVEST</b>
<b>2012 FALL</b>								
RESIDENT	1969	1636	456	387	843	51.5%	4698	5.6
NONRESIDENT	240	213	109	35	144	67.6%	591	4.1
TOTAL	2209	1849	565	422	987	53.4%	5289	5.4
<b>2013 SPRING</b>								
RESIDENT	3854	3389	1285	5	1290	38.1%	10936	8.5
NONRESIDENT	1093	1211	756	2	758	62.6%	3258	4.3
TOTAL	4947	4600	2041	7	2048	44.5%	14194	6.9
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>								
RESIDENT	5823	5025	1741	392	2133	42.4%	15634	7.3
NONRESIDENT	1333	1424	865	37	902	63.3%	3849	4.3
TOTAL	7156	6449	2606	429	3035	47.1%	19483	6.4

## 2012 FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	1727	433	55	126	181	41.80%	1507	8.33
	G	NONRES	222	87	32	19	51	58.62%	239	4.69
	TOTAL		1949	520	87	145	232	44.62%	1746	7.53
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	1727	175	55	55	110	62.86%	381	3.46
	G	NONRES	222	13	6	0	6	46.15%	27	4.5
	TOTAL		1949	188	61	55	116	61.70%	408	3.52
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	100	86	33	33	66	76.74%	175	2.65
	3	NONRES	10	10	6	0	6	60%	26	4.33
	G	RES	1727	399	166	86	252	63.16%	860	3.41
	G	NONRES	222	51	36	6	42	82.35%	108	2.57
TOTAL		2059	546	241	125	366	67.03%	1169	3.19	
4 GOSHEN	1	RES	1727	184	43	18	61	33%	626	10.26
	1	NONRES	222	6	6	0	6	100%	30	5
	TOTAL		1949	190	49	18	67	0%	656	9.8
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	47	35	16	4	20	57.14%	143	7.15
	1	NONRES	3	2	0	0	0	0%	4	0
	TOTAL		50	37	16	4	20	54.05%	147	7.35
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	9	9	6	1	7	77.78%	17	2.43
	1	NONRES	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL		10	9	6	1	7	77.78%	17	2.43
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	38	31	3	10	13	41.94%	135	10.38
	3	NONRES	3	3	0	3	3	100%	6	2
	G	RES	1727	144	31	31	62	43.06%	494	7.97
	G	NONRES	222	6	6	0	6	100%	19	3.17
TOTAL		1990	184	40	44	84	45.65%	654	7.79	
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	48	42	17	8	25	59.52%	136	5.44
	1	NONRES	1	1	0	0	0	0%	1	0
	TOTAL		49	43	17	8	25	58.14%	137	5.48
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	1727	95	28	15	43	45.26%	218	5.07
	G	NONRES	222	34	17	10	27	79.41%	131	4.85
	TOTAL		1949	129	45	25	70	54.26%	349	4.99
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	CLOSED									
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	1727	3	3	0	3	100%	6	2
	G	NONRES	222	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL		1949	3	3	0	3	100%	6	2

## 2013 SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST ESTIMATES

AREA	TYPE	FEETYPE	SOLD	HUNTERS	TOM	HEN	TOTAL	SUCCESS	DAYS/HARVEST	
									DAYS	HARVEST
1 BLACK HILLS	G	RES	3193	1015	264	0	264	26.01%	3091	11.71
	G	NONRES	1093	754	450	2	452	59.95%	2066	4.57
	TOTAL			4286	1769	714	2	716	40.47%	5157
2 LARAMIE PEAK	G	RES	3193	382	106	0	106	27.75%	1267	11.95
	G	NONRES	1093	50	22	0	22	44%	103	4.68
	TOTAL			4286	432	128	0	128	29.63%	1370
3 SHERIDAN-JOHNSON	3	RES	205	182	124	0	124	68.13%	425	3.43
	3	NONRES	94	110	83	0	83	75.45%	272	3.28
	G	RES	3193	573	291	3	294	51.31%	1700	5.78
	G	NONRES	1093	137	92	0	92	67.15%	354	3.85
	TOTAL			4585	1002	590	3	593	59.18%	2751
4 GOSHEN	G	RES	3193	455	191	0	191	41.98%	1357	7.1
	G	NONRES	1093	46	32	0	32	69.57%	105	3.28
	TOTAL			4286	501	223	0	223	44.51%	1462
6 SHOSHONE	1	RES	80	62	27	0	27	43.55%	277	10.26
	1	NONRES	21	17	11	0	11	64.71%	81	7.36
	2	RES	94	83	47	0	47	56.63%	340	7.23
	2	NONRES	6	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL			201	162	85	0	85	52.47%	698
8 LARAMIE COUNTY	1	RES	22	19	6	0	6	31.58%	53	8.83
	1	NONRES	3	3	3	0	3	100%	7	2.33
	TOTAL			25	22	9	0	9	40.91%	60
9 NATRONA COUNTY	3	RES	72	68	34	0	34	50%	254	7.47
	3	NONRES	13	13	0	0	0	0%	52	0
	G	RES	3193	191	42	0	42	21.99%	857	20.4
	G	NONRES	1093	8	6	0	6	75%	26	4.33
	TOTAL			4371	280	82	0	82	29.29%	1189
10 BIGHORN	1	RES	180	160	80	2	82	51.25%	735	8.96
	1	NONRES	23	19	15	0	15	78.95%	71	4.73
	TOTAL			203	179	95	2	97	54.19%	806
11 CHEYENNE RIVER	G	RES	3193	185	67	0	67	36.22%	479	7.15
	G	NONRES	1093	54	42	0	42	77.78%	121	2.88
	TOTAL			4286	239	109	0	109	45.61%	600
13 POLE MOUNTAIN	1	RES	8	8	3	0	3	37.50%	83	27.67
	1	NONRES	2	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL			10	8	3	0	3	37.50%	83
14 WIND RIVER	G	RES	3193	6	3	0	3	50%	18	6
	G	NONRES	1093	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0
	TOTAL			4286	6	3	0	3	50%	18

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## CHAPTER 20

### WILD TURKEY FALL AND SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302.

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of wild turkey for fall, 2012 and spring, 2013, as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "General Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are unlimited in number and valid in any hunt area with a general license hunting season for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(b) "Limited Quota Wild Turkey Licenses" mean wild turkey licenses that are limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area or portion of a hunt area for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least one of those licenses is a Limited Quota Type 3 license. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of two (2) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of wild turkey shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(d) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting wild turkeys on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild turkey on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(e) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

(f) 2012 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 250 licenses any wild turkey
4		Sep.15	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
6	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
8	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 20 licenses any wild turkey
9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31	General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	Limited quota; 100 licenses any wild turkey
10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Limited quota; 50 licenses any wild turkey
11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30	General license; any wild turkey
13				CLOSED
14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31	General license; any wild turkey

(g) 2013 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
1		Apr. 13	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		Apr. 13	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3		Apr. 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	Limited quota; 300 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4		Apr. 13	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
6	1	Apr. 13	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	2	Apr. 13	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
8	1	Apr. 1	May 20	Limited quota; 25 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
9		Apr. 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	Limited quota; 100 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
10	1	Apr. 13	May 20	Limited quota; 200 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
11		Apr. 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13	1	Apr. 1	May 20	Limited quota; 10 licenses any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
14		Apr. 1	May 20	General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1. Black Hills.** All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.

**Area 2. Laramie Peak.** That portion of Converse County south of the North Platte River, that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25, that portion of Laramie County west of Interstate Highway 25, north of Wyoming Highway 211 and north of the Fisher Canyon/Rogers Canyon Road, and that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30 and the Ninth Street-Rogers Canyon Road.

**Area 3. Powder River.** All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

**Area 4. Goshen.** All of Goshen County and that portion of Platte County east of Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 6. Shoshone.** All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Big Horn County, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Park County north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20, and that portion of the Big Horn River drainage in Bighorn County north of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide.

**Area 8. Laramie County.** That portion of Laramie County east of Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 9. Natrona County.** All of Natrona County.

**Area 10. Bighorn.** All of the Bighorn River drainage in Bighorn County south of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide, all of Washakie County, all of Hot Springs County, and that portion of the Bighorn River drainage in Park County south and east of the Shoshone River drainage.

**Area 11. Cheyenne River.** That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85, all of Niobrara County, and that portion of Converse County north of the North Platte River.

**Area 13. Pole Mountain.** Beginning in the city of Laramie and the Rogers Canyon-Ninth Street Road (Albany County Road 17-Laramie County Road 228); northeasterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 14. Wind River.** All non-Indian owned fee title lands, Boysen State Park lands and Bureau of Reclamation lands within the following described area: Beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wind River Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir; southerly, then westerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 135; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 789; northeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation Boundary east of Boysen Reservoir.

**Section 7. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

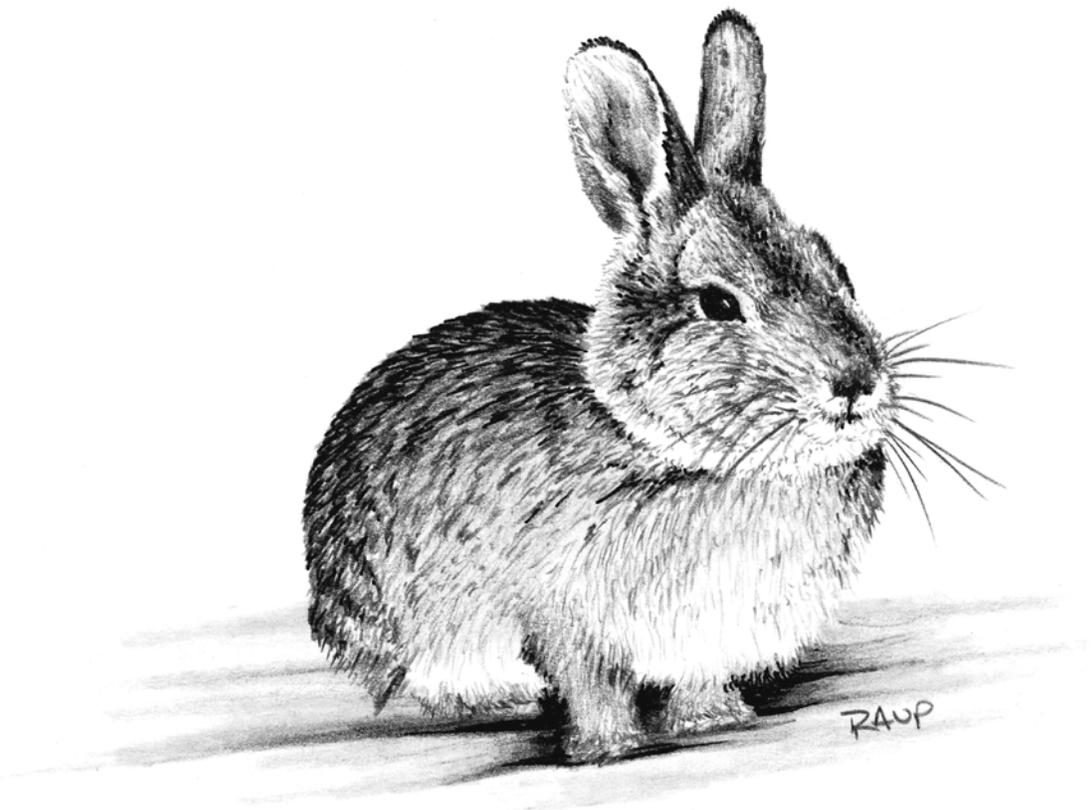
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012



# SMALL GAME



Cottontail Rabbit, Artwork by Bob Raup



2012-2013 COTTONTAIL RABBIT HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	10	40	11
2	283	1226	907
3	281	833	1158
4	583	2958	1954
5	360	811	1063
6	260	628	765
SPECIES TOTAL	1777	6496	5858

2012-2013 SNOWSHOE HARE HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	0	0	0
2	7	0	11
3	30	14	34
4	55	33	92
5	52	7	231
6	11	5	30
SPECIES TOTAL	155	60	399

2012-2013 SQUIRREL HARVEST ESTIMATES			
MANAGEMENT AREA	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS
1	16	70	76
2	22	163	42
3	33	69	74
4	23	57	123
5	66	109	233
6	36	266	128
SPECIES TOTAL	196	734	676

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 17**

**SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** These rules are promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of small game as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of small game that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of small game animals that may be legally in possession. Small game animals in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of small game shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required when using a shotgun to take small game on all of the lands included in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting small game on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Species, Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Showshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

**Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) General Seasons. Small game animals may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 6. Falconry Regulations.**

- (a) Small game animals may be taken with falcons in accordance with the open seasons in the table below.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
		Mar. 2	Aug.31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Showshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
		Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel
		Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

**Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

- (a) Area and Number.

**Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.**

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: April 25, 2012



# FURBEARER TRAPPER



"Weasel", Photo by LuRay Parker, Wyoming Game and Fish Department



**2012-2013 CITES TAGGING/BOBCAT  
HARVEST STATISTICS**

<b>OVERVIEW</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>NONRESIDENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
LICENSES SOLD	2,303	37	2,340
SUCCESSFUL LICENSE HOLDERS	554	25	579
PERCENT WHO REPORTED BOBCATS	24.1%	67.6%	24.7%
TOTAL BOBCATS TAGGED	1,832	40	1,872

<b>TRAPPING ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>NONRESIDENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BOBCAT TRAPPERS	554	25	579
TRAP HARVEST	1,612	39	1,651
AVERAGE HARVEST PER TRAPPER	2.9	1.6	2.9
TRAP NIGHTS (# traps * nights traps active)	613,417	7,518	620,935
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER TRAPPER	1,107.3	300.7	1,072.4
AVERAGE TRAP DAYS PER HARVEST	380.5	192.8	376.1

<b>HUNTING ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>NONRESIDENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BOBCAT HUNTERS	132	12	144
FIREARM HARVEST	208	1	209
AVERAGE HARVEST PER HUNTER	1.6	0.083	1.5
HUNT DAYS	1,060	111	1,171
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HUNTER	8.0	9	8.1
AVERAGE HUNT DAYS PER HARVEST	5.1	111	5.6
MISCELLANEOUS BOBCATS TAGGED	12	0	12

**2012-2013 BOBCAT HARVEST BY  
AREA AND METHOD OF TAKE**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>TRAP</b>	<b>FIREARM</b>	<b>MISC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	32	3	0	35
2	248	6	4	258
3	676	137	3	816
4	269	28	4	301
5	305	27	1	333
6	121	8	0	129
TOTAL	1,651	209	12	1,872

**2012-2013 BOBCAT  
HARVEST BY AGE AND GENDER**

<b>AGE CLASS</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JUVENILE	160	139	299
ADULT	890	683	1,573
TOTAL	1,050	822	1,872

**BADGER**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
2	RES	16	16	5	0	49	44	235	70	60
	AREA TOTALS	16	16	5	0	49	44	235	70	60
3	NONRES	4	14	2	0	0	0	0	6	14
	RES	71	268	11	0	82	55	519	164	323
	AREA TOTALS	75	282	13	0	82	55	519	170	337
4	NONRES	4	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	19
	RES	44	109	33	33	60	71	590	137	213
	AREA TOTALS	48	128	33	33	60	71	590	141	232
5	RES	38	82	11	0	33	16	104	82	98
	AREA TOTALS	38	82	11	0	33	16	104	82	98
6	RES	66	131	11	0	71	38	311	148	169
	AREA TOTALS	66	131	11	0	71	38	311	148	169
SPECIES TOTALS		243	639	73	33	295	224	1759	611	896

**BEAVER**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	22	44	5	0	5	5	5	32	49
	AREA TOTALS	22	44	5	0	5	5	5	32	49
2	RES	27	333	11	0	11	0	66	49	333
	AREA TOTALS	27	333	11	0	11	0	66	49	333
3	RES	16	82	5	16	11	0	33	32	98
	AREA TOTALS	16	82	5	16	11	0	33	32	98
4	NONRES	4	37	2	25	0	0	0	6	62
	RES	55	295	27	5	22	71	109	104	371
	AREA TOTALS	59	332	29	30	22	71	109	110	433
5	RES	109	1327	33	49	5	5	5	147	1381
	AREA TOTALS	109	1327	33	49	5	5	5	147	1381
6	RES	82	382	22	33	5	0	76	109	415
	AREA TOTALS	82	382	22	33	5	0	76	109	415
SPECIES TOTALS		315	2500	105	128	59	81	294	479	2709

**MARTEN**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	NONRES	2	31	0	0	0	0	0	2	31
	RES	16	874	0	0	0	0	0	16	874
	AREA TOTALS	18	905	0	0	0	0	0	18	905
2	NONRES	2	204	2	0	0	0	0	4	204
	RES	11	33	5	0	0	0	0	16	33
	AREA TOTALS	13	237	7	0	0	0	0	20	237
3	RES	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
4	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	RES	33	93	22	0	0	0	0	55	93
	AREA TOTALS	35	95	22	0	0	0	0	57	95
5	RES	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
6	RES	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
SPECIES TOTALS		81	1237	39	0	0	0	0	120	1237

**MINK**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
2	RES	33	55	27	0	0	0	0	60	55
	AREA TOTALS	33	55	27	0	0	0	0	60	55
3	RES	33	131	16	0	0	0	0	49	131
	AREA TOTALS	33	131	16	0	0	0	0	49	131
4	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	RES	49	191	22	22	0	0	0	71	213
	AREA TOTALS	51	193	22	22	0	0	0	73	215
5	RES	38	131	11	0	0	0	0	49	131
	AREA TOTALS	38	131	11	0	0	0	0	49	131
6	RES	38	191	0	0	5	5	11	43	196
	AREA TOTALS	38	191	0	0	5	5	11	43	196
SPECIES TOTALS		193	701	76	22	5	5	11	274	728

**MUSKRAT**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	22	399	5	0	11	11	38	38	410
	AREA TOTALS	22	399	5	0	11	11	38	38	410
2	RES	38	1229	16	0	0	0	0	54	1229
	AREA TOTALS	38	1229	16	0	0	0	0	54	1229
3	NONRES	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
	RES	22	251	5	0	5	27	11	32	278
	AREA TOTALS	24	255	5	0	5	27	11	34	282
4	NONRES	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	RES	71	1190	33	82	0	0	0	104	1272
	AREA TOTALS	73	1192	33	82	0	0	0	106	1274
5	NONRES	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	4	4
	RES	38	557	11	0	16	27	33	65	584
	AREA TOTALS	40	561	13	0	16	27	33	69	588
6	RES	71	1054	11	0	0	0	0	82	1054
	AREA TOTALS	71	1054	11	0	0	0	0	82	1054
SPECIES TOTALS		268	4690	83	82	32	65	82	383	4837

**WEASEL**  
Harvest Estimates  
2012-2013

AREA	FEETYPE	TRAPPERS	TRAP HARVEST	SNARERS	SNARE HARVEST	HUNTERS	FIREARM		TOTAL TRAPPERS, SNARERS & HUNTERS	TOTAL HARVEST
							HARVEST	DAYS		
1	RES	11	27	0	0	5	11	38	16	38
	AREA TOTALS	11	27	0	0	5	11	38	16	38
2	RES	11	16	11	0	0	0	0	22	16
	AREA TOTALS	11	16	11	0	0	0	0	22	16
3	RES	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
4	RES	33	33	16	0	11	11	16	60	44
	AREA TOTALS	33	33	16	0	11	11	16	60	44
5	RES	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	0
6	RES	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
	AREA TOTALS	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
SPECIES TOTALS		70	76	37	0	16	22	54	123	98

**FURBEARER STATEWIDE**  
**Harvest Effort Estimates**  
**2012-2013**

Survey Questions	State Totals
Q2. Traps Set Out:	15,440
Q3. Traps Nights Out:	30,305
Q4. Snares Set Out:	7,150
Q5. Snares Nights Out:	14,640
Q6. Total Firearm Days:	2,015

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 4**

**FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302, W.S. §23-2-303, W.S. §23-2-305 and W.S. §23-3-109.

**Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Drainage” means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters which drain into that river or stream.

(b) “Green pelt” means the untanned hide or skin of a furbearing animal.

(c) “Owner” means the person who physically sets any trap or snare in any fashion that may result in the take of any furbearing or predatory animal.

(d) “Quick-kill Body-grip Trap” means a device that closes around the body or head of the animal in such a manner as to almost immediately kill the animal caught. Such traps include, but are not necessarily limited to, Conibear type traps.

(e) “Snare” means a device consisting of a loop with no mechanical trigger for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(f) “Leg-hold Trap” means any device using a mechanical trigger that springs the jaws or loop shut for capturing furbearing or predatory animals.

(g) “Live Trap” means any device designed to capture or trap a live animal inside a cage or structure. Such traps include, but are not limited to box traps and cage traps.

(h) “Trapping” or “trap” means the taking of a furbearing or predatory animal by trap, snare or with a firearm or archery equipment.

(i) “Trap Identification Number” means an identification number assigned to the owner of traps or snares by the Department.

(j) “Week” means the seven-day period starting on Monday through the following Sunday.

**Section 3. Hunting or Trapping Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting or trapping of furbearing animals and the use of dogs to take bobcats as set forth in this Chapter. Furbearing animals may also be taken by hunting with the use of firearms. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 4. Hunting or Trapping Seasons.**

(a) Species, hunting or trapping areas, season dates and limitations.

Species	Trapping Area	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Mink	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any mink
Bobcat	1	Nov. 15	Mar. 1	Any bobcat

Species	Trapping Area	Date of Seasons		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	
Muskrat	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any muskrat
Weasel	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 31	Any weasel
Badger	1	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Any badger
Marten	1	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	2	Dec. 1	Mar. 1	Any marten
	602	Oct. 1	Mar. 1	5 trappers; 100 marten
Beaver	1	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	Any beaver
	101	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver
	102	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 20 beaver
	103	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	104	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 25 beaver
	301	CLOSED		
	302	CLOSED		
	303	CLOSED		
	304	CLOSED		
	305	CLOSED		
	401	CLOSED		
	404	CLOSED		
	405	CLOSED		
	406	CLOSED		
	407	CLOSED		
	408	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	409	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	410	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	411	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 35 beaver
	412	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 15 beaver
	413	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	414	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	501	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	502	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 10 beaver
	601	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
	602	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver
603	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	2 trappers; 60 beaver	
604	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 30 beaver	
605	Oct. 1	Apr. 30	1 trapper; 5 beaver	
606	CLOSED			

**Section 5. Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and number.

(i) All furbearing animals, excluding marten and beaver.

**Area 1.** The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those areas closed in Section 5(b).

(ii) Marten.

**Area 1.** The entire State of Wyoming, excluding Area 2 and Limited Quota Area 602 as listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

**Area 2. Snowy Range.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Laramie; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to

Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to its junction with U.S. Highway 287.

**Area 602. Little Popo Agie.** All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

(iii) Beaver.

**Area 1.** The entire State of Wyoming, excluding those limited quota trapping areas listed in this subsection and those areas closed in Section 5(b).

**Area 101. Ditch Creek.** Ditch Creek drainage in Teton County.

**Area 102. Willow Creek.** Willow Creek drainage in Teton and Lincoln Counties.

**Area 103. Game Creek and Little Horse Creek.** Game Creek and Little Horse Creek drainages in Teton County.

**Area 104. Fall Creek.** All of the Fall Creek, Mosquito Creek and Dog Creek drainages on U.S. Forest Service lands in Teton and Lincoln Counties.

**Area 301. North Tongue River.** North Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

**Area 302. South Tongue River.** South Tongue River drainage in Sheridan County.

**Area 303. East Fork of Big Goose Creek.** East Fork of Big Goose Creek drainage upstream of Park Reservoir in Johnson County.

**Area 304. Clear Creek.** Clear Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

**Area 305. Crazy Woman Creek.** Crazy Woman Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Johnson County.

**Area 401. South Rock Springs.** That portion of Sweetwater County south of I-80 between the Green River, Flaming Gorge Reservoir and Wyoming Highway 430.

**Area 404. Henrys Fork.** Henrys Fork River, Louse Creek and Sage Creek drainages on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

**Area 405. Cottonwood Creek.** Cottonwood Creek drainage on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Uinta County.

**Area 406. East Fork of Smiths Fork.** Drainages of Gilbert Creek and East Fork of Smiths Fork River upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

**Area 407. West Fork of Smiths Fork.** West Fork of the Smiths Fork River and Willow Creek drainages upstream from Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary in Uinta County.

**Area 408. Salt Creek.** Salt Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Salt Creek Proper and Raymond Creek drainage on public lands in Lincoln County.

**Area 409. Upper Smiths Fork.** Smiths Fork drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands in Lincoln County.

**Area 410. Hobble Creek.** Hobble Creek drainage on U.S. Forest Service lands, Coal Creek, and Saw Mill Creek drainages in Lincoln County.

**Area 411. Hams Fork River (Hams Fork).** Beginning where the Hams Fork River crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to where the river crosses U.S. Forest Service Road 062 and all tributaries lying east of the Hams Fork River in Lincoln County.

**Area 412. South Fork Fontenelle Creek.** Beginning where the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of the South Fork of Fontenelle Creek upstream from the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary within Lincoln County.

**Area 413. Fontenelle Creek.** Beginning where Fontenelle Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to the confluence of Camp Fire Creek and all tributaries in Lincoln County, including all of the drainages of Fontenelle Creek between the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and Camp Fire Creek within Lincoln County.

**Area 414. LaBarge Creek and South LaBarge Creek (main streams).** Beginning where LaBarge Creek crosses the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary to its headwaters and the main channel of South LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County. LaBarge Creek Proper will be closed one (1) mile each direction from the confluence of Nameless Creek and LaBarge Creek in Lincoln County.

**Area 501. North Pole Mountain.** All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Crow Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, McKechnie Creek and Horse Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and north of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

**Area 502. South Pole Mountain.** All of the drainages of Brush Creek, Lodgepole (Pole) Creek, Crow Creek and Dale Creek within the boundaries of the Pole Mountain Division of the Medicine Bow National Forest and south of the Happy Jack Road (Wyoming Secondary Highway 210-U.S.F.S. 722) in Albany County.

**Area 601. Beaver Creek.** All public lands within the Twin Creek and Beaver Creek drainages south of U.S. Highway 287 in Fremont County.

**Area 602. Little Popo Agie.** All U.S. Forest Service lands within the Little Popo Agie River drainage (including Cherry Creek and Snow Creek) and all U.S. Forest Service lands within the Sawmill Creek drainage in Fremont County.

**Area 603. Upper Sweetwater.** All public lands within the Sweetwater River drainage above Phelps-Dodge Bridge in Fremont and Sublette Counties.

**Area 604. Sweetwater.** All public lands within the Rock Creek, Strawberry Creek and Deep Creek drainages and along the Sweetwater River proper between Phelps-Dodge Bridge and Sweetwater Station in Fremont County.

**Area 605. Green Mountain.** All public lands within the Crooks Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cooper Creek and Willow Creek drainages on Green Mountain in Fremont County.

**Area 606. East Fork Wind River.** All lands within the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area and the Kirk Inberg/Kevin Roy Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

(b) Closed areas.

(i) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of all furbearing animals.

(A) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Bighorn County;

(B) Grand Teton National Park in Teton County;

(C) John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Teton County;

(D) National Elk Refuge in Teton County; and,

(E) Rawhide Wildlife Management Area, Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area and the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County shall be closed October 1 through February 15.

(ii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of beaver.

(A) Beaver Creek drainage from Wyoming Highway 70 downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Encampment River in Carbon County;

(B) Cache Creek drainage in Teton County;

(C) Cliff Creek drainage in Sublette County;

(D) Granite Creek drainage from the Granite Hot Springs swimming pool downstream to the confluence with the Hoback River in Teton and Sublette Counties;

(E) Nameless Creek proper in Lincoln County;

(F) Nash Fork drainage south of Wyoming Highway 130 from the Snowy Range Ski Area Road downstream to its confluence with the North Fork of the Little Laramie River in Albany County;

(G) South Fork Hog Park Creek drainage from the Colorado/Wyoming state line downstream to its confluence with Hog Park Creek in Carbon County;

(H) South Fork Lake Creek and Goetze Creek drainages on the Pennock Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Carbon County; and,

(I) The head of the Rock Creek drainage north and east of the Sand Lake Road (USFS Road 101) downstream to its confluence with the South Fork of Rock Creek in Carbon County.

(iii) The following areas shall be closed to the taking of Marten.

(A) All lands within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County.

**Section 6. Common Season Boundary.** Wherever a stream or river forms a boundary between two (2) trapping areas with differing seasons for the same furbearing animal, the stream or river channel proper shall open for trapping on the earliest opening date and close on the latest closing date of the two (2) seasons involved.

**Section 7. Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Area Permits.** Limited quota trapping areas shall be open only to the person(s) who possesses a furbearing animal trapping permit for the limited quota trapping area and a furbearing animal trapping license. Only the holder of a permit for a limited quota trapping area(s) shall be allowed to trap the limited quota area for the designated species during the trapping season for which the permit is valid. Permit holders shall be determined by a random computer selection.

(a) Application for Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Permits. Applications shall be available from Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices, the Cheyenne Headquarters Office and game wardens. Any qualified person may submit one (1) application for a limited quota trapping area drawing and may list as many as three (3) choices.

(b) When trapping, each permit holder shall present his permit and a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license for inspection upon request to any law enforcement officer empowered to enforce these regulations.

(c) Application Date. Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department to the Headquarters Office from July 1 through September 1.

(d) Drawing. Only correct and complete applications received in the Headquarters Office during the application dates shall be entered in the random computer selection. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail.

(e) Leftover Limited Quota Trapping Area Permits. After the regular drawing, applicants may apply for limited quota trapping area permits not issued in the drawing for limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas. Applicants shall apply to the Headquarters Office. Permits shall be issued in the order the applications are processed or until quotas are reached. Submission of an application either through the mail or hand delivered shall not guarantee a permit

#### **Section 8. Authorization to Trap.**

(a) Any person holding a valid Wyoming furbearing animal trapping license shall be authorized to trap furbearing animals in any trapping area specified in the current trapping regulations, excluding those species within limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas requiring a limited quota furbearing animal trapping permit as specified in this regulation and excluding closed areas in Section 5(b) of this regulation.

(b) Individuals issued limited quota furbearing animal trapping permits shall contact the game warden listed on the notice for instructions prior to taking furbearing animals authorized by this permit in the limited quota furbearing animal trapping areas.

#### **Section 9. Snare Specifications.**

(a) All snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a break-away device located at the point of the snare lock;

(b) Break-away devices shall release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less;

(c) Snare capture loop size shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter measured from side to side;

(d) Snares shall be solidly anchored to ensure the break-away device properly functions to release at two hundred ninety-five (295) pounds of pressure or less, and;

(i) Snares shall not be anchored to any wire of a fence.

(ii) Snares shall not be anchored to any moveable object such as a drag.

#### **Section 10. Check Period for Leg-Hold Traps, Live Traps, Snares and Quick-Kill Body-Grip Traps.**

(a) All leg-hold traps and live traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of once during each seventy-two (72) hour period.

(b) All snares and quick-kill body-grip traps shall be checked by the owner a minimum of one time each week, except during the initial week the snares or quick-kill body-grip traps were set.

**Section 11. Mandatory Bobcat Registration.** All bobcats harvested in Wyoming shall be registered with the Department by the person taking the bobcat, regardless of the final disposition of the pelt or unskinned carcass. Bobcat pelts may be registered throughout the bobcat season, but registration of pelts shall end at 5:00 p.m. on March 11 of each year. If the registration deadline date occurs on a weekend when the Department Regional Offices are closed, bobcat pelts may be registered on the next business day until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The properly licensed trapper shall present the pelt or unskinned carcass in an unfrozen condition to a game warden or a Department Regional Office. It shall be unlawful to possess an untagged green bobcat pelt after the registration period expires. Before a Wyoming bobcat tag shall be issued, the person taking a bobcat shall provide to the

Department at the time of registration, the age and sex of the bobcat, the number of the Department's bobcat management area in which the bobcat was taken, the date the bobcat was taken, the number of traps that were set, and the number of days traps were set or days hunted with a firearm (i.e. trapping or harvest effort). A Wyoming bobcat tag shall be attached to the pelt or unskinned carcass by an employee of the Department. Wyoming bobcat tags shall be issued free of charge.

**Section 12. Trapping of Non-target Wildlife; Disposition of Furbearing Animals at the Trap Site.**

All non-target wildlife, including but not necessarily limited to game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, protected animals or protected birds that are trapped shall be released unharmed. If a big or trophy game animal, game bird, protected animal or raptor caught has been injured to the extent that the injury may result in death of the animal or if the animal has been killed, the trapper shall immediately notify a Department law enforcement officer. Furbearing animals legally taken shall be either killed at the trap site or immediately released to the wild. If the trapper holds both a furbearing animal trapping license and a license to capture furbearing animals for domestication, the furbearing animals do not have to be killed at the trap site.

**Section 13. Use of Dogs.** Persons possessing a valid furbearing animal trapping license may use dogs to take bobcats during the bobcat hunting or trapping season.

**Section 14. Trap Identification Numbers.** All traps and snares used for furbearing or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged with the name and address of the owner or the trap identification number assigned to the owner by the Department.

(a) A person may apply for a trap identification number from the Department. Each individual shall be issued only one (1) trap identification number for the life of the trapper. Trap identification numbers shall be transferable from one (1) person to another only upon completion of an application and approval by the Department.

(b) Trap identification numbers shall consist of the prefix WY, followed by the last two (2) digits of the calendar year in which the number is issued, followed by a number generated by the Department. A hyphen shall separate the three (3) portions of the number. For example, the first trap identification number issued in calendar year 2001 shall be WY-01-001. Numbers shall be legible, at least one-eighth (1/8) inch in height and affixed to traps in such a manner as to read left to right. The trap identification number shall be stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is affixed to the trap.

(c) Application for a trap identification number shall include the full name and complete home address of the applicant and shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. Applications shall be submitted to the Wildlife Division, at the Headquarters Office of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

(d) Any person who has obtained a trap identification number shall notify the Department by telephoning (307) 777-4686 within thirty (30) days of any change in address.

**Section 15. Violation of Commission Regulations.** Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

**Section 16. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of the regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Clark, President

Dated: July 10, 2012

# FALCONRY



Gyrfalcon, Photo by Ron Maier, Wyoming Game and Fish Department



## RESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2012-2013

### GRAY PARTRIDGE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Natrona			15	8	20	2	16	3						
Sheridan	5	2	4	1	4	0	10	3	11	2	7	1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Days Hunted	92
Harvest	22
Hunters	3

### PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Sheridan	1	1	28	6	33	4	31	4	23	1	3	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Days Hunted	119
Harvest	16
Hunters	3

### SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Johnson			8	0	14	1	22	1	10	1				
Natrona	12	0	30	4	24	3	16	4	4	1				
Sublette			30	13	35	9	25	6	10	0				
Sweetwater	58	24	24	16	21	14	4	2	2	0	1	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>		

Days Hunted	350
Harvest	99
Hunters	11

### SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest								
Sheridan	26	4	47	8	42	5	34	4	28	1	6	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Days Hunted	183
Harvest	22
Hunters	4

RESIDENT FALCONRY - continued

**COTTONTAIL RABBIT**

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Fremont							4	0	6	2	5	2	3	0
Natrona	14	0	19	0	12	6	11	7	4	3				
Sweetwater	12	6	10	4	11	3	10	2	8	0	7	1	8	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>

Days Hunted	144
Harvest	38
Hunters	4

**DUCKS**

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest	Days	Harvest
Albany	10	2	10	2										
Goshen	2	0	14	0	5	0	1	0						
Natrona			20	5	10	4	12	3						
Sheridan	8	6	30	15	20	9	7	1	2	0				
Sweetwater			5	2										
Uinta			20	0										
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Days Hunted	176
Harvest	49
Hunters	6

Total Surveys Mailed	62
Total Responded	54
% Response	87%

## NONRESIDENT FALCON HARVEST 2012-2013

### PHEASANT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sheridan			7	1										
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	7
Harvest	1
Hunters	1

### SAGE-GROUSE

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sublette	37	9	70	15	48	8	10	2	8	2	5	1		
Sweetwater	40	20	121	38	18	1	6	0	8	0				
Uinta	2	0	10	0	12	1	12	0	14	1	12	0		
Fremont	20	4												
Carbon					4	0			1	0				
Park			4	0			2	0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	99	33	205	53	82	10	30	2	31	3	17	1	0	0

Days Hunted	464
Harvest	102
Hunters	23

### COTTONTAIL RABBIT

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Fremont	10	4												
Natrona	1	0												
Sublette			7	5										
Sweetwater			3	0										
<b>TOTALS</b>	11	4	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	21
Harvest	9
Hunters	3

### DUCKS

County	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
	Days	Harvest												
Sweetwater	25	3	6	4	2	0								
Uinta	3	2												
<b>TOTALS</b>	28	5	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Days Hunted	36
Harvest	9
Hunters	4

Total Surveys Mailed	37
Total Responded	29
% Response	78%